

Champions go Head to Head on Aruba



Current PWA World Champion Frenchman Antoine Albeau is on Aruba to defend his title. Albeau holds eleven Windsurfing World Championships in different disciplines since 1994. On March 5, 2008, Albeau set a new all-category world windpowered sailing speed record with 49.09 knots (90.91 km/h or 56.49 mph) on a 500 meter course at Saintes Marie de la Mer, beating the previous record which had been set by Finian Maynard with a speed of 48.70 knots in April 2005 at the same spot.



Bjorn Dunkerbeck is welcomed to Aruba yesterday by the Honorable Minister of Health and Sports Dr. Richard Visser and Aruba Hi-Winds Chairman Wim Eelens. Dunkerbeck is the current leader of the Professional Windsurfing Association (PWA) Slalom Tour 2011 and will defend his position this week in Aruba

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In to Africa



3 generations of Obama family begin African trek

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(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak, Pool)

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Plaintiffs plan to continue pursuing Wal-Mart cases



A Wal-Mart worker pull carts at a Wal-Mart store in Pittsburg Calif., Monday, June 20, 2011. A worker at this Wal-Mart was involved in a sex discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart. The Supreme Court on Monday blocked a massive sex discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart on behalf of women who work there. The court ruled unanimously that the lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores Inc. cannot proceed as a class action, reversing a decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. The lawsuit could have involved up to 1.6 million women, with Wal-Mart facing potentially billions of dollars in damages.

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Wal-Mart has spent 10 years fighting claims that it discriminated against female employees, and by many accounts, it has improved its hiring and promotion

policies for women during those years.

Monday's Supreme Court victory for Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, may not mean the end to litigation over discrimination claims, however.

Even though the company says it has substantially increased the percentages of women in managerial positions, the plaintiffs in the longstanding case said the company should expect several more years of challenges to its employment practices.

The Supreme Court decision said that up to 1.5 million women who worked at Wal-Mart did not have enough in common to constitute a class in a class-action suit. The decision did not address whether Wal-Mart had discriminated against women, which plaintiffs contend leaves the door open for further litigation.

Joseph M. Sellers, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said he would pursue three routes: filing individual claims with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; slicing the giant class-action lawsuit into smaller ones that would have a better chance of advancement; and pursuing individual discrimination cases. □

Out of Afghanistan?

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President Barack Obama plans to announce his decision on the scale and pace of troop withdrawals from Afghanistan in a speech Wednesday, an administration official said Monday. As he closes in on a decision, another official said, Obama is considering options that range from a Pentagon proposal to pull out only 5,000 troops this year to an aggressive plan to withdraw within 12 months all 30,000 troops the United States deployed to Afghanistan as part of the surge in December 2009. Under another option, a third official said, Obama would announce a final date for the withdrawal of all the surge forces sometime in 2012 but leave the timetable for incremental reduc-



White House Press Secretary Jay Carney speaks during his daily news briefing at the White House in Washington, Monday, June, 20, 2011. President Barack Obama plans to announce his decision on the scale and pace of troop withdrawals from Afghanistan in a speech Wednesday, an administration official said Monday.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

tions up to commanders in the field – much as he did in drawing down troops after the surge in Iraq. The White House press secretary, Jay Carney, said the president had not yet “finalized” his decision. But

the planning for a rollout of the announcement was well under way, with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton scheduled to testify Thursday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. □



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Obama family begins goodwill African trek

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PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — First lady Michelle Obama embarked on a goodwill visit to sub-Saharan Africa on Monday, a weeklong stay designed to show that America cares about the continent's issues and people.

Accompanied by her two daughters, her mother, a niece and nephew, Mrs. Obama planned a trip through South Africa and Botswana that was also shaping up to be an emotional and educational journey for the three generations of Obamas.

Many of the first lady's stops will highlight the legacy of Nelson Mandela and others like him whose struggles and sacrifices ultimately led to the undoing of apartheid, South Africa's system of racial separation.

Mandela spent 27 years in prison, including 18 years on Robben Island off the coast of Cape Town, for his role in the anti-apartheid movement. After he was released in 1990, he went on to become the country's first post-apartheid president and its first black elected leader, swept into office in 1994. He served one term and remains a revered elder statesman.

A meeting between America's first black first lady and South Africa's first black president was hoped for but remained unlikely as of Monday. At age 92, Mandela is fragile and his health determines when he can receive visitors. Mrs. Obama was, however, meeting Tuesday with Mandela's wife, Graca Machel, as well as one of the wives of Jacob Zuma, the current president.

Mrs. Obama received a warm welcome upon her arrival Monday night at Waterkloof Air Force Base in Pretoria, the capital of South Africa, after 18 hours and more than 8,100 miles (13,035 kilometers) of travel. She was greeted by Ambassador Donald Gips and his family on a nippy night. Daughters Malia, 12, and Sasha, 10, were wrapped in colorful South African blankets to ward off the chill.

Throughout the week, the first lady will promote youth leadership, education and HIV/AIDS prevention programs. The high point of the week is a speech Wednesday to a U.S.-sponsored gathering of young African women leaders from across sub-Saharan Africa.

The first lady will pay tribute to Mandela and the struggle against apartheid at many of her stops, including visits to his foundation, the Apartheid Museum and Robben Island. She also was scheduled to meet in Cape Town with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who received a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end apartheid.

She heads to Gaborone, Botswana, on Friday for a visit with President Ian Khama and other events. □



From left: Mayor of Burnsville, N.M., Elizabeth Kautz, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and Mayor of Mesa, Ariz., Scott Smith, talk to reporters after meeting with President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, at the White House, in Washington, June 20, 2011. The United States Conference of Mayors passed a resolution on Monday calling on President Obama and Congress to "speed up the ending" of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, but the resolution came only after some crafting to leave the mayors and President Obama some wiggle room on the timetable. (Philip Scott Andrews/The New York Times)

Mayors call for quicker end to current U.S. wars

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The resolution that the U.S. Conference of Mayors passed Monday calling on President Barack Obama and Congress to "speed up the ending" of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan was not nearly as strong as the one it passed 40 years ago, calling on President Nixon to withdraw all U.S. troops from Vietnam within six months. And the resolution passed only after it was amended to give the mayors and the administration some wiggle room. The amended version reads that "the drawdown of troops should be done in a measured way that does not destabilize the region," hardly a radical sentiment in Washington.

But it was nonetheless a remarkable signal of both the nation's spreading war weariness and the lingering pain that the economic downturn has wrought on the nation's cities. Mayors from across the country

voted Monday to approve a resolution that calls on the federal government to hasten the end of the wars and "to bring these war dollars home to meet vital human needs, promote job creation, rebuild our infrastructure, aid municipal and state governments, and develop a new economy based upon renewable, sustainable energy." As the resolution was debated at the conference's 79th annual meeting, held in Baltimore, some mayors expressed reservations about lecturing the president and Congress on foreign policy, while others worried that it could send a disheartening message to U.S. troops. So the resolution was amended to call for a sped-up yet "measured" withdrawal, and to add a passage noting that the mayors "support our brave men and women and their families." The resolution was supported by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles. □

Legislature still at odds over Cuomo's top issues

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ALBANY, N.Y. — The annual legislative session sputtered into overtime on Monday night with no visible progress on crucial elements of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's ambitious first-year agenda, while legislative leaders battled behind the scenes on a host of contentious issues.

The highest-profile battle, over whether to legalize same-sex marriage, continued without resolution as protesters sang and shouted in the Capitol, and a small

bly Democrats.

The stalemate over rent has stalled movement toward a final vote on Cuomo's deal with legislative leaders to impose a cap on local property taxes. The delays on rent, property taxes and same-sex marriage — each high-priority issues for Cuomo — mean that lawmakers will remain in Albany in special session for at least a few more days.

The Assembly speaker, Sheldon Silver, a Manhattan Democrat, said Monday that virtually every aspect of the rent laws, which limit rent increases on more than a million apartments in New York City and its suburbs, remained on the table as lawmakers sought a deal acceptable to both

stem the steady loss of rent-regulated units, tens of thousands of which have reverted to market rate as inflation and annual increases pushed rents past the existing thresholds.

Democrats have sought to bundle the tenant-friendly changes they have proposed with the renewal of tax breaks sought by real estate developers and landlords.

But after the meeting on Monday, Skelos, a Long Island Republican, signaled that he considered the Assembly proposals onerous and unacceptable.

"We're not looking to protect the wealthy," he said. "We're looking to ensure



Anti-gay marriage groups demonstrate outside the state Senate chambers at the State Capitol, in Albany, N.Y., June 20, 2011. Hundreds of demonstrators gathered at the capitol on both sides of the issue on Monday as the state Senate considers whether to schedule a vote on allowing gay marriage.

(Nathaniel Brooks/The New York Times)

group of lawmakers continued to negotiate language to protect religious groups that do not support same-sex marriage from the threat of legal sanctions.

But the Legislature was also at odds over New York's rent regulations, after Republicans in the State Senate balked at the broader tenant protections and expanded oversight of landlords that are being sought by Cuomo and Assem-

blance, a Democrat, and Senate Republicans, who are closely allied with the real estate industry.

"It's all of the issues," Silver said, a few hours after meeting with Cuomo and Dean G. Skelos, the Senate majority leader, in the governor's office.

Assembly Democrats are seeking to raise the income and rent thresholds at which landlords can begin charging tenants market rate, while at the same time indexing those thresholds to inflation. Those changes are intended to help

that rent stabilization helps affordability."

Skelos said one specific proposal of Assembly Democrats — to raise the income threshold at which tenants can lose the protection of rent regulations, to \$300,000 from \$175,000 — was "unconscionable."

Though Cuomo has said publicly that he wants to expand rent regulations and not merely extend the existing laws, his specific bargaining position is unknown. □

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Levees save a farmhouse, but farming is still at a risk

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YAZOO CITY, Miss. — Sitting on a boat, in a driveway on dry ground in the middle of a flood, a man can get to thinking about his place in the world.

That is where Todd Hart found himself on muggy nights this spring, a sentinel on a brand-new island. His was an island in negative, a patch of low-lying ground protected from a surrounding sea of floodwaters by 2,200 feet of packed-dirt levees.

It was part of an archipelago of private levees that he, his father and a handful of others created in a matter of days, an elaborate effort to save the Harts' place in the Delta.

In some ways, that place had been eroding long before the flood arrived. Todd's father, Irma Newell Hart, had grown disillusioned with farming, how the demanding but largely elemental practices he had inherited had given way to a modern, highly technical business. A few years ago, the elder Hart walked away from it for good, abandoning a livelihood that had been in the family for generations and that had been the reason his father came to this spot 65 years earlier. But the Harts were not prepared to abandon the spot itself.

"He used to tell me," Todd Hart said of his father, "that his goal in life was not to lose it all."

The Harts are just starting to

tear their levees down.

The great flood of 2011 is still slowly receding from the Mississippi Delta, sitting stubbornly in some areas, leaving behind in others thousands of damaged homes and hundreds of millions of dollars worth of ruined crops. For farmers,

that have been devised to reduce risk.

But some of these tools — insurance policies, government programs, high-tech farm equipment, genetically modified crops from the biotech giant Monsanto — are part of what led Irma Hart, 62, to



Todd Hart walks the levee his family built to protect their farmhouse in Yazoo City, Miss. Hart and his family saved their place from flooding by building levees in a matter of days.

(Lee Celano/The New York Times)

who were expecting a banner year, it is closer to a nightmare.

"The two things that make or break us are the whims of a financial market and weather," said John Michael Pillow, 41, who farms the land that borders the Harts, and who lost three-quarters of his corn crop this year, his first as sole owner of the family farm. "You can't get any riskier."

Much of farming is a matter of risk management. Pillow and many other farmers would go under completely in a year like this were it not for the sophisticated tools

quit farming a dozen years ago.

"My dad taught me you put the seed in the ground then put your faith in the Lord," he said.

"Where am I putting my faith now? I'm putting my faith in Uncle Sam, in the insurance companies, in Monsanto."

Todd Hart, 32 and about to be married, is now considering whether to take up that calling himself. The 200 acres of soybeans he now farms, and which are still mostly underwater, are not nearly enough to be profitable in the modern business of farming. □

U.S. Briefs

Obama says he strongly backs Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to reassure Jewish donors amid questions over his support for Israel, President Barack Obama pledged Monday that his administration would "devote all of its creative powers" to trying to bring about Mideast peace. Obama made the comments at a high-dollar fundraiser at a Washington hotel hosted by Americans in Support of a Strong U.S.-Israel Relationship. The appearance came a month after he clashed publicly with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over the road to peace between Israel and the Palestinians. That handed ammunition to Republican presidential hopefuls who accused Obama of insufficient support for Israel. Obama assured donors that his goals are the same as theirs — a secure Jewish state living in peace with its neighbors — even if there might be "tactical disagreements" along the way. □

Judge approves US Indian royalties

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Monday approved a \$3.4 billion settlement over mismanaged American Indian royalties in a case that represents the largest settlement ever approved against the U.S. government. Elouise Cobell of Browning, Montana, claimed in the 15-year-old suit that for more than a century, U.S. officials systematically stole or squandered billions in royalties intended for American Indians in exchange for oil, gas, grazing and other leases. U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan, in approving the settlement after a daylong hearing, said the legitimacy of Cobell's claims could not be questioned.

"The government mismanaged these resources on a staggering scale," Hogan said. The settlement does not make up for the losses Indian tribes suffered for more than a century, Hogan added, but "at least it provides some certainty" to hundreds of thousands of individual Indians who will now receive payments of at least \$1,000 each from the government. Many will receive substantially more money. □

Feds halt funds to study pipeline

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood recently moved to prevent industry groups from funding federal safety studies of onshore pipelines following an investigation by Hearst Newspapers that revealed the practice. The investigation published Sunday found that over the last decade, two-thirds of the 174 safety studies of such pipelines initiated by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration received significant funding from pipeline operators or industry-controlled organizations. LaHood's decision overturns a Bush-era rule that required at least half the funding for federal pipeline safety research to come from outside sources, in most cases. □

Americans turn to gardening to save money

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MONTPELIER, Vermont (AP)

— Many of the millions of Americans who turned to gardening to save money during the recession appear to be sticking with it during the recovery as food prices remain high and interest in safe, fresh and local food grows nationwide. Forty-three million U.S. households planned to grow at least some of their own food in 2009, a 19 percent increase from the estimated 36 million who did the year before, said the National Gardening Association, citing the most recent figures available. Spending on food gardening — including growing vegetables, fruit trees, berries and herbs — jumped 20 percent in one year to \$3 billion in 2009 and stayed at that level last year, said Bruce Butterfield, research director for the nonprofit association. "It's a perfect storm for food gardening," Butterfield said, noting the downturn coincided with growing interest nationwide in eating locally produced food. While the recession started in December 2007, he said the economy really "tanked" at the end of 2008, fueling the gardening boom the following year. And, Butterfield said he expects the trend to continue with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's switch from a food pyramid representing its nutritional guidelines to a plate encouraging people to eat more fruits and vegetables, and people spending more time at home, either because they're unemployed or avoiding expensive vacations.

"A lot of folks, I think they kind of look at the evening news or read the paper or read something online, saying 'Jesus, this world is out of control and I can't have any influence on what happens out there but, by God, I can control what happens in my backyard,'" he said. Seed supplier W. Atlee Burpee & Co. said its sales of vegetables seeds and starter plants have jumped substantially in the past several years, with 30 percent



In this photo, Ann Janda works in her vegetable garden in Hinesburg, Vt. When the economy tanked in 2008, more Americans took up vegetable gardening to raise their own food. That trend is likely to continue, with the growing interest in local food, concerns about food safety and the quest for healthy, tasty meals.

(AP Photo/Toby Talbot)

growth in 2009, 15 percent to 20 percent growth last year and another bump in March. The company based in Warminster, Pennsylvania, speculated recent rises in gas and produce prices have prompted more people to try to save money by growing their own food. Ann Janda, 43, of Hinesburg, Vermont, estimated gardening saves her and her husband \$75 a month on groceries about eight months out of the year. They rarely buy any vegetables from June to August, relying on their 16-by-50-foot (5-by-16-meter) garden to feed them. In the fall, they use tomato preserves for a lot of what they cook, and they freeze and can vegetables to use in the winter — everything from pickles to tomato sauce, frozen peas, pesto and kale. Janda, who planted her first garden when she moved out of the city four years ago, said it's easy to "overspend" on supplies and equipment, but she and her husband try to do it as cheaply as possible. They use dead elm saplings from nearby woods as stakes, start most of their plants from seeds in reusable pots and trade seedlings with other gardeners. Their tools are a spade, shovel and hoe, and their landlord tills the garden for them in ex-

change for vegetables later on. "We are very economical gardeners and you can do that. You don't have to buy all kinds of expensive equipment to have a nice garden," said Janda, who learned a lot about gardening on the Internet and just completed a 13-week intensive master gardening course through the University of Vermont extension service. This year, the couple's main expense was \$180 in compost. But, Janda said savings isn't the only reason she and her husband garden. "It's just so fun harvesting your own food," she said, adding that one reason they haven't bought a home yet is that they want one with suitable garden space with full sun. □





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McCain blames illegal immigrants for wildfires

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SIERRA VISTA, Arizona (AP)

other Republican politicians said Monday there was "substantial evidence" that border crossers were

any more details. Activists swiftly jumped on McCain's statement as "scapegoating," saying that state leaders were merely deflecting attention away from wildfire response.

The debated raged as people returned to homes Monday that had been evacuated near the U.S.-Mexico border. A day earlier the so-called Monument fire swept off a mountain into the outskirts of Sierra Vista, forcing about 3,000 residents of 1,700 homes to flee.

The evacuations Sunday brought the total to about 10,000 people from 4,300 homes forced out by the blaze. The fire has burned more than 40 square miles (103 square kilometers) since it started about a week ago.

It had destroyed 44 homes before Sunday. It was about 27 percent contained as of Monday. □



Mike Gray, with the U.S. Forest Service, left, gives Greer, Ariz. resident Raychel Allen updated information regarding the Wallow Fire at the Valley High School Dome in Springerville, Ariz. Monday, June 20, 2011. The U.S. Forest Service says residents of Greer are being allowed to return home Monday. Evacuees have to present valid identification verifying residency in order enter.

(AP Photo/Carlos Chavez)

— It always comes back to illegal immigration in Arizona — even when the state is on fire. Sen. John McCain and

partly responsible for wildfires in the state. Fire officials say three major blazes in Arizona were started by humans, but they don't know

Las Vegas prepares for rave after latest death

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — The death of a Texas teenager during an electronic music party plagued by drug arrests is drawing fresh attention to Las Vegas' decision to embrace the multi-day festival a year after it was banned in Los Angeles.

Andrew Graf, 19, died and more than two dozen people were treated at hospitals for drug, alcohol and heat-related problems after the Electric Daisy Carnival in Dallas on Saturday, officials there said. The cause of death was pending toxicology results.

It's the second death tied to the event in as many years. The rave was shunned in Los Angeles last year following a 15-year-old girl's fatal drug overdose.

That party also resulted in more than 226 people receiving emergency medical treatment and 114 arrests for misconduct, drug possession and other charges.

Despite the festival's troubled past, Las Vegas has warmly welcomed the Electric Daisy Carnival. The tour's largest event opens Friday night at a desert site 14 miles (22.5 kilometers) from the Las Vegas Strip, with about 200 performers expected to share the stage at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway through Sunday.

Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman has dubbed this "Electric Daisy Carnival Week," and praised the event's move to Las Vegas as a significant win for Sin City's tourism and party friendly reputation.

"If people want to be idiots, you can't stop them," Goodman told reporters last week when asked about the event. "You can't make people necessarily behave by telling them to behave.

But we'll do everything we can to make sure everybody has a good time." □

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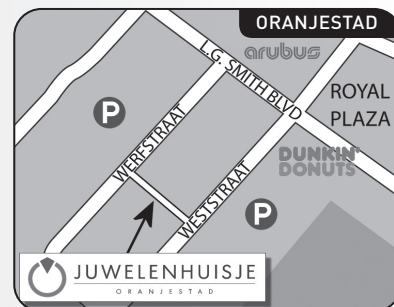
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TOPEKA, KS - While Trevor Eman and Team Aruba were looking for their first 2011 win at the ADRL Independence Drags, the cards were stacked against them. Tough weather conditions made it difficult and the team couldn't find the right hot weather tune up to run as fast as they had hoped. Still, they qualified with a respectable 4.182 at 172.32, which put them in the number 13 spot. Round one put them up against the tough competition of Dean Goforth, who had qualified number 4. Here Eman's driving skills came into play as the race was won on the starting line with Eman's .029 giving him a huge advantage over Goforth's .162. So despite the fact that Eman fell off pace with a 4.29 to Goforth's 4.20, he was first to the finish line and advanced to round two. There he met up with another young gun, Scott Hintz. Again, the starting line would play a major role in the outcome of the race. Unfortunately for Team Aruba, it didn't work in their favor this time. Eman and Hintz ran identical 4.181's but Hintz was quicker off the line by just over two hundredths. "Weather was a huge factor in our racing performance this weekend," told Eman. "We ran consistent 4.18's, but could not find the tune up to go faster with the higher qualified racers."

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Sports Minister Dr. Richard Visser gives warm welcome

Dunkerbeck arrives to defend his title



Entering round three of the women's slalom world tour, Aruba's Sarah-Quita Offringa currently holds the top spot. As competition moves onto her playground in Aruba, she will be more inspired than ever to claim this event for herself, in front of her home fans.

~ Photos by Julia Renfro

ORANJESTAD - Former World Champion Björn Dunkerbeck was welcomed at the Aruba Airport yesterday afternoon by Minister of Health and Sports Dr. Richard Visser and Aruba Hi-Winds chairman Wim Eelens. Dunkerbeck is the current leader of the Professional Windsurfing Association (PWA) Slalom Tour 2011 and will defend his position this week in Aruba against his closest opponents, the two

Frenchmen current World Champion Antoine Albeau and Cyril Moussilmani. Björn Dunkerbeck - son of a Dutch father and a Danish mother - has won the world windsurfing championships 35 times.

The man has a kind of killer instinct when it comes to winning, and as he says: "When you compete, winning is the only thing that matters."

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At the Renaissance Mall

Adolfo Domínguez Boutique offers an Elegant Opening Party

ORANJESTAD – The stylish new boutique at the Renaissance Mall carrying the collection of Spanish designer Adolfo Domínguez opened just recently with an elegant and interactive cocktail party.

The affair was attended by many of town's movers and shakers sipping nicely-chilled Spanish champagne and nibbling on Spanish-accented canapés prepared by the Renaissance Marina Hotel, Food & Beverage team.

Boutique owners Carmen and Carlos de Veer, impeccably dressed in by Adolfo Domínguez creations, together with family members welcomed guests to the party with great enthusiasm and warm hospitality. Two male models and four local Koma models showcased the designer style during the party.

The men wore Adolfo Domínguez famed long-sleeved cotton shirts with stripes that look casual and comfortable, yet very elegant, and perfectly befitting Aruba's sizzling temperatures in the summer, while the ladies started with the designer Be Yourself line, a young and contemporary collection and later showcased the designer's classic evening wear which is exceptionally made and wonderfully fitting, at prices below all other designer clothes. Party guests agreed that the quality and design of the clothes offered at the boutique can easily compete with all high-end designers, but the prices are much more reasonable, and the look more appropriate for the tropics. The new Adolfo Domínguez store is large yet its design promotes its intimate feel, giving off a classy European vibe. In addition to the clothes being of great quality and fit, the service and the ambience, are equally inviting, and the range of styles offered will appeal not only to the Dress for Success client but also to the average man or woman on the street.



Adolfo Domínguez whose origins go back to the 1950s, to a tailor's shop set up by Adolfo Domínguez Senior, became a global brand over the past six decades. In 1973, with the opening of his first retail store, which initially focused on tailored suits, the corner-stone of today's fashion empire was laid. Over the years, Adolfo Domínguez launched a range of new product lines, including fragrances, and his innovative designs placed his name at the forefront of the revolution of Spain's fashion, promoting ready-to-wear urban styles. In 1985 the designer presented his first women's collection on the Paris catwalks, and this marked the start of the firm's international expansion, which has taken his collections all over Europe, Japan, America and South-East Asia, and now to Aruba to the Renaissance Mall.

The Adolfo Domínguez brand embraces design, production and distribution through an extensive network of the company's own stores and franchises, all linked by means of a state-of-the-art technology. The store in Aruba is custom designed by the Spanish mother-firm which manufactured all displays and custom created anything from floor to ceiling. The store stocks both the men's and the women's lines including gorgeous shoes and handbags, beautiful jewelry and accessories. □





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Dunki' has already won everything that can be won on a windsurfboard: He is twelve-fold PWA Overall World Champion (1988-1999), twelve-fold PWA Race World Champion (1988-1999) and seven-fold PWA Wave World Champion (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1999, 2001). In addition, he won the PWA Freestyle World Championships in 1998 as well as the PWA Speed World Championships in 1994 and has scored more than 100 single PWA World Cup victories.

After spectacular performances earlier on in the season, Dutch Ben Van Der Steen and Peter Volwater and the two Americans Josh Angulo and Jimmy Diaz will be pulling on the power in an attempt to squeeze out some extra speed, in order to ruffle some feathers at the top of the PWA rankings ladder. Entering round three of the women's slalom world tour, Aruba's Sarah-Quita Offringa currently holds the top spot. As competition moves onto her playground in Aruba, she will be more inspired than ever to claim this event for herself, in front of her home fans. However Offringa has



some tough competition and these ladies won't let her take it without a fight. Korea's winner Valérie Arrihetti looks to be back on form having suffered from a shoulder injury this winter, her second appearance this season in Aruba is sure to put her in a strong position at the top of the table. Former world champion Karin Jaggi from Switzerland will be re-joining the tour in Aruba having unfortunately missed out on the competition in Korea. She will be ready to reinstate her position back at the top of the podium.

The freestyle fleet will be making the small hop from Bonaire to commence round four in Aruba on the 2011 tour. Fresh from his second event win of the season, Bonairean Kiri Thode will be hungry for

more, and ready to fight off the attacks from the Belgium freestyle wizard Steven Van Broeckhoven and fellow Bonaire boys Taty en Tonky Frans.

Three times world champion Jose 'Gollito' Estredo from Venezuela is yet to claim an event victory this season, he will be looking to give everything he has got in Aruba to make his mark on the 2011 world tour. The entire 2011 Aruba Hi Winds Grand Slam Pro-Am will be streamed live via PWA TV on www.pwa-worldtour.com. For more information on all the entrants, and to keep up to date with every piece of the action, click on www.pwaworldtour.com. There's also a dedicated event website which can be found at <http://hiwinds-aruba.com/>



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Still, we were running competitively on race day. However, my worst light of the weekend could not have come at a worse time. Scott Hintz and I had identical E.T's so he beat me at the starting line, which is something I don't like happening to me. If I lose a race, I at least want to have the better reaction time," he laughed. "Hintz and I were both seeking our first win this weekend and Hintz' turn came first. All of us with Team Aruba are very happy for the Hintz family." With weather being the talk of the weekend, the

heat was a factor not only with on track performance, but also off track working conditions. "Despite the miserable heat, everybody on the team worked hard all weekend. My brother who usually doesn't make it to the races was with us, and since our racing radios decided to throw in the towel, we gave my brother the job of backing us up and staging us into the beams. He did a great job, and it was nice to have him with us. "I'm proud of Team Aruba and what we're accomplishing here. This weekend didn't go exactly as we'd hoped, but we're working hard and I know our day in the winner's circle will come soon."

Playa Linda's working dads enjoy a sizzling show at Sizzles

PALM BEACH - After the hard-working moms of Playa Linda Beach Resort enjoyed their Mother's Day dinner at Sizzles, word-of-mouth spread among the boys, with management left no choice but to also feast the fathers with a similar event. The resort's Father's Day celebration among the similarly, hard-working dads of the Playa Linda was marked with a



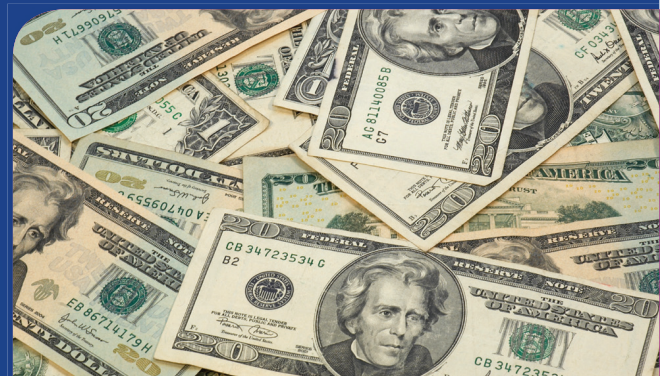
sizzling dinner show. Each year, the Playa Linda makes certain that their working dads receive special attention. With no European Cup or World Cup soccer game to share this year, Sizzles proved an excellent alternative. The guys were not disappointed with an outing to Sizzles



to enjoy the "D'licious" dinner show, at the Paseo Mall, just around the corner from the Playa Linda. A succulent three-course meal, accompanied by a flawless, colorful song- and dance-show, proved a perfect warm-up to individual Sunday celebrations enjoyed among family and friends. □

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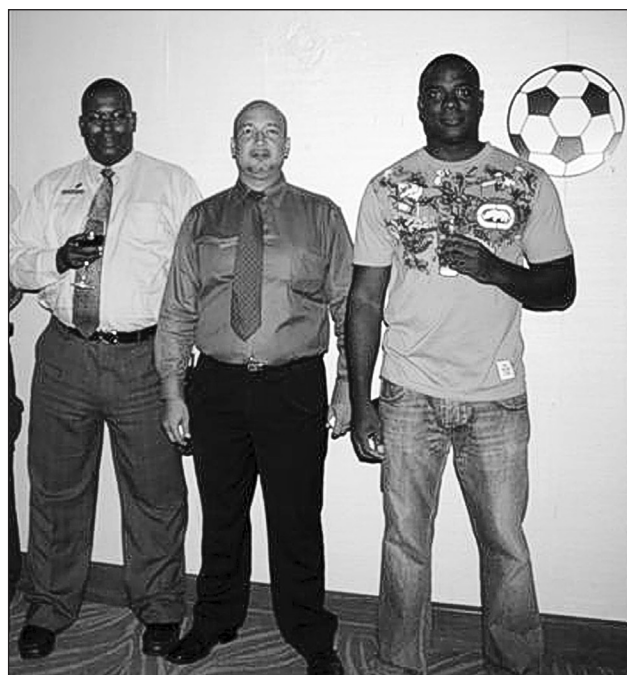
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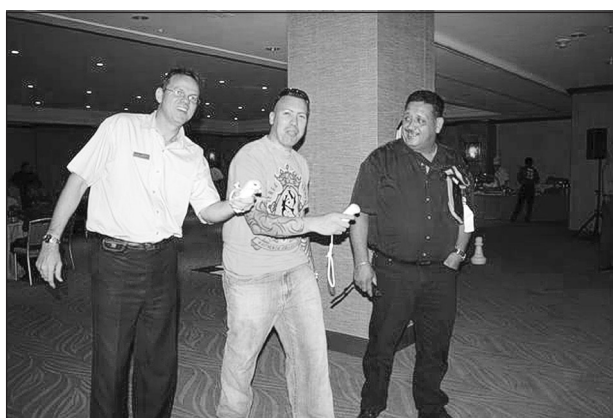
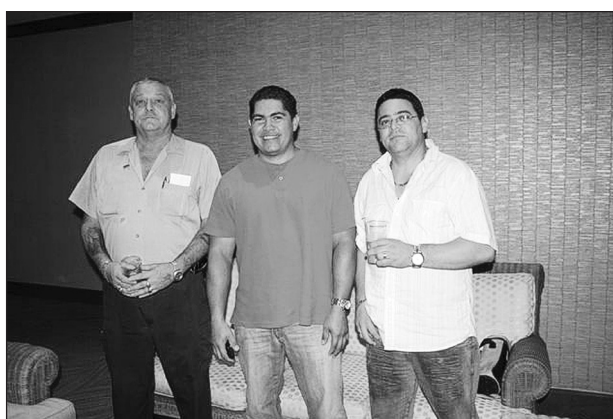
PALM BEACH - This past Friday afternoon, The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba held a special afternoon reception for all the dads working at the resort. The festivities were held in the resort's Palm



Beach Ballroom, where snacks and drinks were served. It was definitely "game on" for all the dads, with cards, dominoes, Wii, ping-pong,



and even a life-sized chess set capturing their attention all afternoon. Gifts and raffle prizes were also part of the afternoon festivities. □



Syria's Assad offers path to change; few specifics

ANTHONY SHADID

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BEIRUT — In his first address in two months, President Bashar Assad of Syria on Monday offered a national dialogue that he said could usher in change to a country where his party and family have monopolized authority for four decades. Deep skepticism greeted the proposal, and even some who were sympathetic to the leadership said they doubted that Assad was ready to surrender absolute power, at least for now. But as the country wrestles with its gravest crisis in a generation, the question remains: If the government is in fact sincere, whom would it talk to?

An opposition abroad, without set leaders or programs, which sought to organize in meetings in Turkey and Europe, has ruled out engaging the government. Many activists who claim to speak for a street shaken by three months of protests are too afraid to surface aboveground. Even opposition figures in Damascus who have talked with officials lately said Monday that they would not attend the dialogue Assad outlined until security forces ended their crackdown. The government, which long equated almost any dissent with sedition, has suggested it may choose whom it will speak to — Assad mentioned the possibility of more than 100 people, although the government has yet to say who they may be.

The divide seemed to underline the criticism voiced by many opposition activists Monday: The proposal is a bid for time in a country that may be running out of it.

"The street hasn't managed to break the bones of the authority, and the authorities haven't managed to break the bones of the street," said Louay Hussein, an opposition figure in Damascus, the capital. "We're passing through an intractable period before the crisis."

Diplomats and opposition figures have spoken in

darker tones lately about what may be ahead in Syria — a failed state perhaps, or sectarian conflict playing on Syria's potentially volatile diversity. While noting that the protests remain largely peaceful, U.S. officials acknowledge that the makings of an armed insurgency have begun to emerge.

Despite promises to diplomats, Syrian officials have continued to preside over a crackdown that has killed more than 1,400 people, by activists' count.

One opposition figure warned of the prospect of a coming "civil war."

For days, Assad's speech was awaited in the hope that it would offer a crucial insight into the leadership's willingness to compromise in the face of the uprising and mounting pressure from Turkey, the United States and the European Union. Assad offered at least a theoretical path for change, even if the speech lacked specifics and delivered somewhat vague deadlines. □



Maez, who was displaced by violence, at a makeshift camp in Khirbet al-Jouz, Syria, on June 20, 2011. Without giving specifics, President Bashar al-Assad of Syria offered a national dialogue that could bring reforms to his battered country in a speech that was met by street protests, according to activists.

(Daniel Etter/The New York Times).

Ben Ali of Tunisia found guilty of embezzling state funds

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TRIPOLI, Libya — A Tunisian court sentenced the country's ousted president, Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, and his wife, Leila Trabelsi, to 35 years in prison and a fine of roughly \$66 million after a trial in absentia for embezzlement and misuse of public funds, state news media said Monday night.

He still faces charges for the possession of illegal drugs, firearms and archaeological relics found in his palaces, as well as for ordering the killing of civilians in his bid to cling to power. The verdict Monday, after the one-day trial, focused on \$27 million in jewels and public money reportedly found at one of his mansions.

Ben Ali's ouster in January started the Arab Spring and inspired the Egyptian uprising that toppled President Hosni Mubarak a month later. Egyptians are watching Ben Ali's trial closely as they prepare for Mubarak's trial this summer. Both have stirred debate over how to balance public demands for swift justice with a more deliberative demonstration of the rule of law.

Ben Ali and his wife are in exile in Saudi Arabia, which refused Tunisian extradition requests. They are reviled in Tunisia for presiding over a corrupt administration that enabled Trabelsi, a former hairdresser from a humble family, to help her relatives quickly achieve vast fortunes and opulent lifestyles.

The most notorious of her kin, Sakher el Materi — known derisively as "Mr. Son-in-Law" — kept a caged tiger that ate four chickens a day and he boasted of the Roman columns, frescoes and lion's head fountain at his villa. □

World Briefs

Sectarian clashes flare in Belfast

BELFAST (AP) — Sectarian clashes erupted on Belfast's streets as masked Protestant rioters attacked Catholic homes Monday, Northern Ireland authorities said. More than 100 Protestant teens and young men bombarded Catholic homes with rocks, bricks and bottles. The street clashes occurred on a major sectarian fault line in east Belfast, pitting the Protestants of Newtownards Road against the Catholics of the Short Strand district. Sporadic violence has been a regular feature of Northern Ireland's wider conflict since the late 1960s. Catholic leaders said the violence was unprovoked, but Protestant leaders said the Protestants appeared to be retaliating for smaller-scale attacks by Catholics youths the previous night. Most of the attackers wore hoods or scarves over their faces to make it harder for police using video cameras to identify them. □

Tropical Storm Beatriz aims for Mexico

MANZANILLO, Mexico (AP) — Heavy rains and strong winds from a strengthening Tropical Storm Beatriz began pounding resort beaches on Mexico's Pacific coast Monday, and authorities closed the popular tourist ports of Acapulco and Manzanillo ahead of its arrival. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said the Beatriz had sustained winds of 70 miles an hour (113 kph) and is expected to become a hurricane Monday night or early Tuesday, brushing over Mexico's southwestern coast later that day before heading back out to sea. A hurricane warning was extended Monday evening from the resort city of Zihuatanejo northwest to Cabo Corrientes. Beatriz is located about 130 miles (210 kms) south-southeast of Manzanillo and moving northwest at 8 mph (13 kph). □

Report: 44 killed in Russian jet crash

MOSCOW (AP) — Forty-four people were killed when a passenger jet crashed late Monday in northwestern Russia, news agencies said. RIA Novosti and ITAR-Tass, citing Emergencies Ministry officials, reported that the RusAir plane crash-landed on a highway en route from Moscow to the city of Petrozavodsk. They reported eight people who survived the crash were hospitalized in critical condition in Petrozavodsk. There was no immediate explanation for the crash, but the Interfax news agency quoted the airport director Alexei Kuzmitsky as saying there were "unfavorable weather conditions."

Russian news agencies said the plane crashed on its final approach to the airport in Petrozavodsk, landing a few hundred yards (meters) short of the runway. Petrozavodsk is in the province of Karelia, 400 miles (640 kilometers) northwest of Moscow. . □

Cholera kills 2 more people in D.R.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Health authorities in the Dominican Republic say cholera has killed two more people, bringing the death toll from the disease to at least 48 people in the country.

The Ministry of Health said the latest victims were a 29-year-old man and a 63-year-old man. The ministry said in a statement Monday that the deaths occurred over the weekend in Santiago, about 93 miles (150 kilometers) north of the capital. Cholera has sickened more than 1,550 in the Dominican Republic since May. The disease is spread by contact with water contaminated with cholera bacteria and causes sudden and severe dehydration that can lead to death if not treated in time. □

At Venezuelan prison, Inmates stave off troops

FABIOLA SANCHEZ

Associated Press

GUATIRE, Venezuela (AP)

— National Guard troops fired tear gas at a prison on Monday as they tried for a fourth day to dislodge a group of heavily armed inmates who have staved off attempts to retake control. Troops escorted 36 inmates from cellblocks inside the Rodeo II prison to areas that are no longer controlled by rebellious prisoners, Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami told state television. At least 11 of the in-

Press after being reached by cell phone by one of the inmates' relatives outside the prison.

"They are using weapons of war against us," Contreras said, referring to the assault rifles of the troops who have surrounded the prison.

Contreras told the AP that prisoners were also well armed, but he insisted they were acting in self defense. "We use them to defend ourselves at times like this," he said.

El Aissami told Union Radio



A relative of an inmate gestures while waiting for information outside of the El Rodeo I prison in Guatire, Venezuela, Monday, June 20, 2011. Thousands of National Guard troops stormed the Venezuelan prison last June 17 seeking to disarm prisoners days after a bloody riot, setting off gunfights with resisting inmates that have left at least one inmate and two soldiers dead, and more than 18 wounded. The woman has toothpaste around her nose to lessen the effects of tear gas.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

mates were wounded, he said. A 5,000-strong security force and inmates have engaged in gunbattles at the prison Rodeo I and the adjacent lockup Rodeo II since the military launched a weapons search on Friday.

"The situation is the same," inmate Rafael Contreras said from inside Rodeo II. He spoke to The Associated

earlier Monday that only one prisoner and two National Guard troops have been killed during the clashes. At least 20 other troops have been wounded, he said.

Contreras said that there have been 17 deaths amid the gunfire, and that several bodies were decomposing in the Rodeo II prison with the inmates. □

Rolling power cuts hit Greece

ELENA BECATOROS

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP)

— Greece has been hit by rolling blackouts as employees at the main power utility began 48-hour rolling strikes to protest the company's privatization, part of austerity plans needed to avoid a national debt default.

The sell-off of state assets in the power company is a

major step in a €50 billion (\$71 billion) privatization drive that must be completed by 2015.

It is part of highly unpopular austerity plans, including more tax hikes and spending cuts, that must be passed by Parliament by the end of the month if Greece is to get the next €12 billion installment of its €110 billion bailout next month. □

Following handoff to NATO, Scores of U.S. airstrikes rock Libya



Rebel fighters fire a Grad rocket at the front line west of Misrata, Libya, Monday, June 20, 2011. Libya's government said a NATO airstrike west of Tripoli early Monday destroyed a large family compound belonging to a close associate of Moammar Gadhafi, killing at least 15 people, including three children. The alliance said the strike hit a "command and control" center.

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WASHINGTON — Since the U.S. handed control of the air war in Libya to NATO in early April, American warplanes have struck at Libyan air defenses about 60 times, and remotely operated drones have fired missiles at Libyan forces about 30 times, according to military officials.

The most recent airstrike from a piloted U.S. aircraft was Saturday, and the most recent strike from a U.S. drone was Wednesday, the officials said.

While the Obama administration has regularly acknowledged that U.S. forces have continued to take part in some of the strike sorties, few details about their scope and frequency have been made public.

The unclassified portion of material about Libya that the White House sent to Congress last week, for example, said "American strikes are limited to the suppression of enemy air defense and occasional strikes by unmanned Predator" drones, but included no numbers for such strikes. The disclosure of such details could add texture to an unfolding debate about the merits of the Obama administration's legal argument that it does not need congressional authorization to continue the mission because U.S. forces are not engaged in "hostilities" within the meaning of the

War Powers Resolution.

Under that 1973 law, presidents must end unauthorized deployments 60 days after notifying Congress that they have introduced



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U.S. forces into actual or imminent hostilities. That deadline for the Libyan mission appeared to pass on May 20, but the administration contended that the deadline did not apply because the U.S.' role had not risen to the level of "hostilities," at least since it handed control of the mission over to NATO.

In support of that argument, the administration has pointed to a series of factors, noting, for example, that most of the strikes have been carried out by allies, while the U.S. has primarily been playing "non-kinetic" supporting roles like refueling and surveillance. It has also said there is little

risk of American casualties because there are no ground troops and Libyan forces have little ability to exchange fire with U.S. aircraft. And it noted that the mission is constrained from escalating by a U.N. Security Council resolution.

The special anti-radar missiles used to suppress enemy air defenses are usually carried by piloted aircraft, not drones, and the Pentagon has regularly said that U.S. military aircraft have continued to conduct these missions. Still, officials have been reluctant to release the exact numbers of strikes.

Under military doctrine, strikes aimed at suppressing air defenses are typically considered to be defensive actions, not offensive. On the other hand, military

doctrine also considers the turning on of air-defense radar in a no-fly zone to be a "hostile act." It is not clear whether any of the Libyan defenses were made targets because they had turned on such radar.

The administration's legal position prompted internal controversy. Top lawyers at the Justice Department and the Pentagon argued that the U.S.'s military activities did amount to "hostilities" under the War Powers Resolution, but President Barack Obama sided with top lawyers at the State Department and the White House who contended that they did not cross that threshold. □



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Sudan steps up furious drive to stop rebels

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NAIROBI, Kenya – The Sudanese Army and its allied militias have gone on an unsparing rampage to crush rebel fighters in the Nuba Mountains of central Sudan, bombing thatched-roofed villages, executing elders, burning churches and pitching another region of the country into crisis, according to U.N. officials and villagers who have escaped.

"The market was burning," said Salah Kaka, a mother of four who trekked for days with thousands of others to a mushrooming refugee camp after her husband disappeared during an air raid. "I dug ditches in the ground and hid the children."

Tens of thousands of rebel fighters have refused the government's threat to

disarm, digging into the craggy hillsides. They are demanding political reform and autonomy, a familiar refrain in Sudan's marginal-

ized hinterlands that has set off insurgencies in Darfur in the west, as well as eastern and southern Sudan.

"This is going to spread like

wildfire," said a U.S. official who was not authorized to speak publicly. Without mediation, "you're going to have massive destruction and death in central Sudan, and no one seems able to do anything about it."

The Sudanese Army has sealed off the area and threatened to shoot down U.N. helicopters. Sudan's forces detained four U.N. peacekeepers and subjected them to "a mock firing squad," the organization said Monday, calling the intimidation part of a strategy to make it nearly impossible for aid agencies and monitors to work in the region. It seems that the Sudanese government, facing upheaval on several fronts, especially with the southern third of the country preparing to declare independence next month, is determined to suppress the rebels and prevent them from encouraging other restive areas to rise up. Even after the southerners secede, countless fault lines remain in northern Sudan. Non-Arab people in the Nuba Mountains, Darfur, Blue Nile State, Kasala – and all the way down the Nile to Egypt – have long been chafing against an increasingly isolated government dominated by a small group of Arabs and

led by President Omar Hassan al-Bashir, a war crimes suspect indicted by the International Criminal Court. "Bashir is facing enormous pressure," said E.J. Hogenboom, a program director at the International Crisis Group. "There are a number of areas that could rebel again," he said, and the offensive in the Nuba Mountains "may actually exacerbate resentment and inadvertently unite armed opposition movements." U.N. officials in Southern Kordofan, the state that includes the Nuba Mountains, estimate that dozens have been killed in aerial bombings in the past two weeks and maybe dozens more in extrajudicial killings. Nuban officials put the civilian death toll in the hundreds. Sudanese soldiers are planting land mines in several towns, U.N. officials said, and possibly digging mass graves. Many people in the mountains are Christian, and church officials say Christians have been attacked and churches burned.

"So many people have been made to leave their homes," said Ali Shamilla, liaison officer for the Nuba Relief, Rehabilitation and Development Organization. "Many are living in caves." □



Sudanese, who have fled their homes because of armed conflict, at a camp in Parieng, Sudan, June 16, 2011. The Sudanese Army and its allied militias are bombing villages and executing elders in a campaign to crush rebel fighters, according to United Nations officials and villagers who have escaped.

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Milan designers tip hat to summer elegance

DANIELA PETROFF

AP Fashion Writer

MILAN (AP) — With a tip of the hat — raffia that is — Milan designers salute old-style summer elegance, as they preview next year's warm weather styles.

The breezy brimmed straw hat has dominated the current menswear fashion week, making it the symbol for the romantic refined look designers propose from beach resort to pool side. The latest in the series of those who have reinvented the vintage head cover, including Dolce and Gabbana and Ferragamo, is Kean Etro, who previewed his collection Monday. Winto the third day of Milan preview shows, the looks have been tried-and-true traditional, with occasional outbursts of bold color and eccentric styles by such mavens as Donatella Versace and Alexander McQueen's Sarah Burton.

GUCCI The latest Gucci collection is all about aristocrats, dandies and artists gathered in the haven of a posh gentlemen's club, playing bridge and exchanging eccentric views. The wardrobe of a member of the Gucci club has its sporty moment by day, and refined edge by night. The overall mood of the latest Gucci collection presented Monday is of innate elegance. By day, the Gucci gentleman is into top drawer sportswear from the Equestrian theme with suede padding on trousers and shirts, jockey jackets, crimson linings and saddle stitching, to the micro-quilted fencing jackets and the wide golf trousers complete with elegant pleats.

At night, he is at his most attractive — and he knows it. Dressed in a black tuxedo jacket paired with Prince of Wales plaid trousers and wearing a cocky bow tie and signature Gucci loafers, he needs no I.D. to get in wherever the party is.

At Gucci, knitwear, which makes a big comeback during the current week of preview showings for next year's spring and summer, is either oversized and woven in special hand-craft-



Models wear creations of D&G men's Spring-Summer 2012 collection, part of the Milan Fashion Week, unveiled in Milan, Italy, Monday, June 20, 2011.

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)



A model wears a creation of Versace men's Spring-Summer 2012 collection, part of the Milan Fashion Week, unveiled in Milan, Italy, Monday, June 20, 2011.

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

ed fibers, or super slim in ribbed silk, as sexy as underwear.

VERSACE Donatella Versace started out softly with soothing blue and beige summer suits with wide trousers and double-breasted jackets, worn with matching two-tone loafers. But the cool look was only a summer mirage.

As soon as the beat of the disco music got going at the menswear show, Versace was back to her old

favorites: black leather, gold studs, buckles and straps all part of her trademark tight-fitting sexy styles. To heat things up for next year's spring and summer Versace adds flashes of bright color, combining such unlikely palette mates as fuchsia pink for a jacket with tangerine orange for the "matching" trousers. To boot, the accompanying sandals were in apple green leather.

The tighter the look, the

more buckles Versace used to hold the outfit together culminating in a cobalt blue trouser with buckle straps replacing seams on a hip hugging pair of pants. These pants were paired with a leather jacket closed with buckles not buttons. Studs decorated anything from shirts to shoes to leather jackets. One black bomber jacket featured a swirling pattern of golden studs across the front and back. But Versace crossed all conventional boundaries in a series of silk outfits with Baroque patterns gleaned from the Versace archives, where among other items, a black and blue silk shirt is combined with the same print trousers to look like a jumpsuit. □

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Rand and Rubio and the Republican unrest

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On domestic policy, the Republican candidates in last week's primary debate seemed to speak with one voice: Cut taxes, cut spending, repeal Obamacare, declare victory. On foreign policy, though, they sounded a more uncertain trumpet. There were flashes of the old post-9/11 confidence – as in Tim Pawlenty's declaration that post-Saddam Iraq represents a "shining example" to the Middle East. But there was also pessimism about Afghanistan, skepticism about the Libyan intervention, and a general sense that the United States is bearing too many burdens overseas, and paying too high a price. For the first time in a decade, it seems, the Republican Party doesn't know where it stands on foreign policy. Instead of being united around George W. Bush's vision of democratic revolution, conservatives are increasingly divided over what lessons to draw from America's post-9/11 interventions. But while this division shows up in the current presidential field, it's distilled to its essence in two high-profile Republicans who aren't running (not in

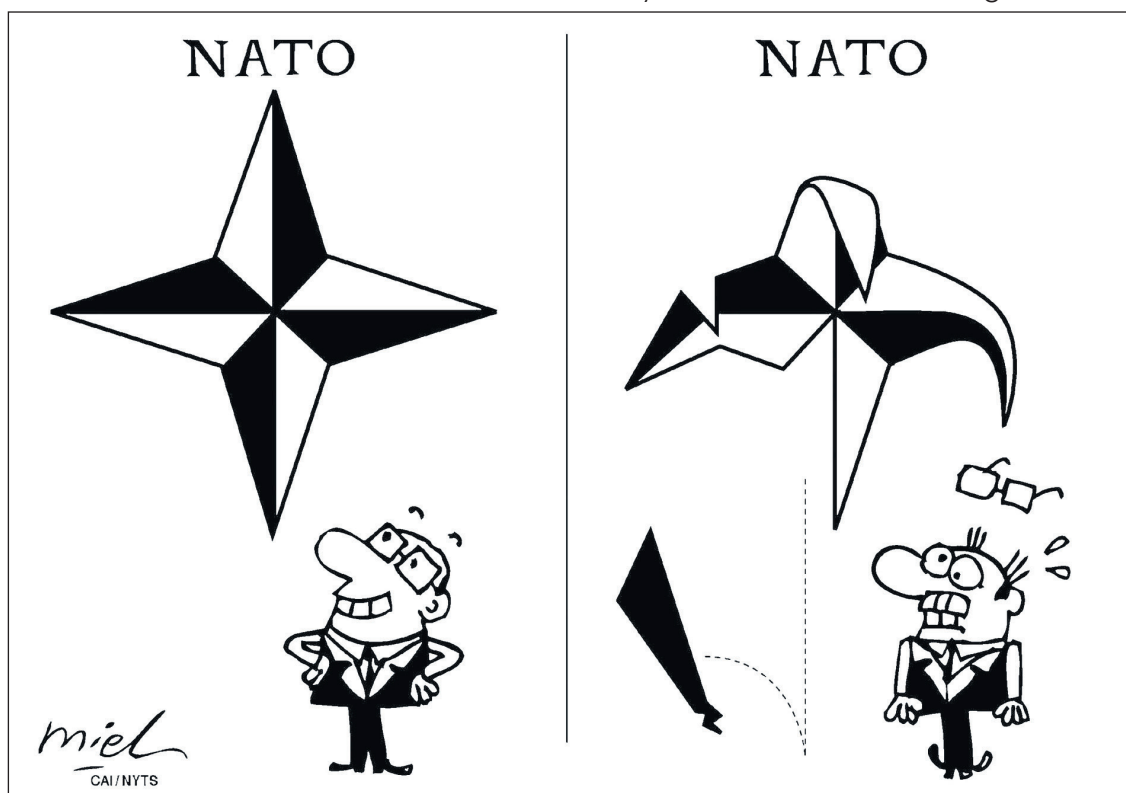


2012, at least): Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky. As The American Specta-

tor's Jim Antle pointed out last month, Rubio and Paul have followed similar paths to prominence. Both were discouraged from running for the Senate by party leaders. Both rode Tea Party support to unexpected primary victories. In Washington, both have defined themselves as stringent government-cutters. But on foreign policy, the similarities disappear. Rubio is the great neoconservative hope, the champion of a foreign policy that boldly goes abroad in search of monsters to destroy. In the

Senate, he's constantly pressed for a more hawkish line against the Mideast's bad actors. His maiden Senate speech was a paean to national greatness, whose peroration invoked John F. Kennedy and insisted that America remain the "watchman on the wall of world freedom." Paul, on the other hand, has smoothed the crankish edges off his famous father's antiwar conservatism, reframing it in the language of constitutionalism, the national interest and the budget deficit.

(As Matt Continetti noted in The Weekly Standard, "Whereas Ron Paul criticizes U.S. interventionism in tropes familiar to the left – anti-imperial blowback, manipulation by neocons, moral equivalence – Rand Paul merely says America doesn't have the money.") In a recent address at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Paul presented himself as the real foreign-policy "moderate" – neither an isolationist nor a Wilsonian idealist, but someone who believes we should be "somewhere some of the time" without trying to be "everything to everyone." But even this measured critique of interventionism makes a striking contrast with Marco Rubio's worldview. Where Rubio talks sweepingly about America's mission in the world, Paul expresses skepticism about nation-building and democracy promotion. Where Rubio invokes World War II and the cold war, Paul invokes the founding fathers' fears about executive power and overseas entanglements. Where Rubio borrows Ronald Reagan's expansive rhetoric, Paul praises Reagan's caution in committing U.S. troops to foreign wars. □

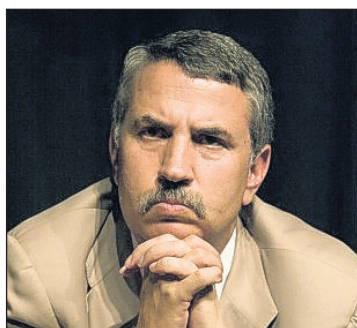


Obama's inconsistencies: what to do with lemons

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While President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have gotten a lot of things right on foreign policy, they've made quite a mess in Israeli-Palestinian relations, where they've alienated all sides and generated zero progress. They've been inconsistent – demanding a settlements freeze then backing down – unimaginative and politically wimpy. Then again, the actors they've had to work with were both lemons – a Palestinian government that was too divided to make any big decisions and an elusive right-wing Israeli government that was strong enough to make big decisions but had no will to



do so. But you know what they say to do with lemons? Make lemonade. The Obama team is in a fix. The Palestinian Authority, having lost faith in both Israel and the U.S., is pushing for the United Nations to recognize an independent Palestinian state, within the 1967 lines in the West Bank and Gaza. Once that is in hand, the Palestinian Authority could then start a global push to pressure Israel into withdrawing its

settlers and security forces, or face sanctions and delegitimization. Israel is obviously opposed to this move. The U.S. has no desire to support such a one-sided resolution, which would alienate Israel and American Jews. But it also has no desire to veto such a resolution, which would only complicate America's standing in the Arab-Muslim world. As an alternative, the U.S. is trying to get the parties to resume peace talks on a comprehensive agreement based on terms laid out by the president in mid-May – two states for two peoples, with the 1967 lines as the starting point, and then whatever land swaps Israelis and Palestinians mutually agree to beyond that. But if the parties

won't accept this – and for now they are resisting – then we're headed for a real train wreck at the U.N. in September. How about a different approach? If the Palestinians want to take this whole problem back to where it started – the U.N. – I say let's do it. But let's think much bigger and with more imagination. On Nov. 29, 1947, the U.N. passed General Assembly Resolution 181, partitioning Palestine into two homes for two peoples – described as "Independent Arab and Jewish States." This is important. That is exactly how Resolution 181 described the desired outcome of partition: an "Arab" state next to a "Jewish" state. So why don't we just update Resolution 181 and

take it through the more prestigious Security Council? It could be a simple new U.N. resolution: "This body reaffirms that the area of historic Palestine should be divided into two homes for two peoples – a Palestinian Arab state and a Jewish state. The dividing line should be based on the 1967 borders – with mutually agreed border adjustments and security arrangements for both sides. This body recognizes the Palestinian state as a member of the General Assembly and urges both sides to enter into negotiations to resolve all the other outstanding issues." Very simple. Each side would get something vital provided it gives the other what it wants. □

Unchartered waters: Phelps loses 3rd straight 200M

Michael Phelps reacts after finishing second to Nicholas D'Arcy by .01 second in the men's 200-meter butterfly at the Santa Clara International Grand Prix swim meet in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, June 19, 2011.

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Expectations grow as Rory McIlroy tries to add majors



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, acknowledges the gallery as he holds the trophy on the 18th green after winning the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md., Sunday, June 19, 2011.

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DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

BETHESDA, Maryland (AP)

— The manner in which Rory McIlroy won the U.S. Open made comparisons with Tiger Woods inevitable.

Not since Woods' historic 15-shot win at Pebble Beach in 2000 has anyone crushed the competition at a U.S. Open. McIlroy's performance was so stunning at Congressional that only four of his 72 holes were worse than par, he broke the scoring record by four shots and finished at an astounding 16-under 268.

Such a score is rare at the other three majors. It's unfathomable for a U.S. Open.

But there was more than just his golf.

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Venus, defending champ Rafa win openers at Wimbledon

Venus Williams of the U.S. returns a shot to Uzbekistan's Akgul Amanmuradova at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Monday, June 20, 2011.

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Pujols out 4-6 weeks with arm fracture

By R.B. FALLSTROM

AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols will be out for 4-6 weeks with a fractured left forearm, a devastating blow for a franchise hit hard by injuries this season. The team announced the results of an MRI and CT scan Monday, one day after Pujols was injured during a home game against Kansas City. The team said Pujols has a non-displaced fracture of his left radius and his arm is in a splint. General manager John Mozeliak was scheduled to discuss the situation Monday afternoon.

Pujols is hitting .279 this year, starting to heat up after a slow start. The team said his left shoulder was sore, but no structural damage was found.

The three-time NL MVP was hurt after Wilson Betemit hit a chopper up the middle off Cardinals starter Jamie Garcia. Second baseman Pete Kozma backhanded the ball and made a jump-throw to first, pulling Pujols off the bag toward home. As the slugger tried for a tag, Betemit ran into his glove hand and Pujols went down to the ground in pain.

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St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, left, grabs his left wrist after being injured on a play at first base as catcher Yadier Molina, right, chases a loose ball during the sixth inning of an interleague baseball game against the Kansas City Royals Sunday, June 19, 2011, in St. Louis. Pujols left the game.

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Venus Williams, Nadal win openers at Wimbledon

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— Back on one of tennis' top stages, Venus Williams cut a familiar figure Monday at Wimbledon, from her latest original, somewhat-see-through outfit to her trademark booming serves and aggressive groundstrokes. Williams smacked seven aces, totaled 23 winners to only five unforced errors, and overwhelmed 97th-ranked Akgul Amanmuradova of Uzbekistan 6-3, 6-1 in the first round at the All England Club.

The seven-time major champion recently was off the tour for about five months with a bum hip, including missing the French Open, and this is only her fourth tournament in nearly a year.

"It's a good place to start. And this is kind of like a home for her. She loves it," said Williams' hitting partner, David Witt. "She feels confident out here, and in women's tennis, 'confident' goes a long way." There sure was nothing shy about a playsuit Williams called "trendy": white and sleeveless, with a deep "V" neckline, a triangle cut out in the back, a gold belt and gold zipper.

"Jumpers are very 'now,'" she explained, "as is lace."



Spain's Rafael Nadal in action during his first round match against Michael Russell of the US at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Monday, 20 June, 2011.

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Not as sensational as the corset-like black lace number with skin-toned undergarments that drew so much attention at the 2010 French Open, but Monday's romper looked something akin to a toga and surely would have won the approval of her Roman goddess namesake.

"She always has something interesting," said Amanmuradova, a rare opponent taller than Williams. "It's good to have something different on the tour. I wear shorts, and everybody is criticizing that I look like a guy. ... If she feels comfortable, perfect. Personally, I wouldn't wear this, because it's not going to

look good on me. But if it's white, you can play. That's the rule. If everybody wears the same, it's boring."

Williams' outfit — and, of course, superb play, which betrayed no lingering effects from her injury — generated the most buzz on Day 1 in the 125th edition of the grass-court Grand Slam tournament. "I do realize I don't have as many matches," said Williams, only 5-2 this season and only 9-3 since last July. "So, yeah, for sure, I know I need to kind of come out firing. Been pretty good at that in the past — and today."

Williams stopped one game into her third-round match at the Australian Open in January after aggravating her hurt hip. She returned to action last week at a grass-court tuneup tournament in Eastbourne, going 2-1, and Monday looked nothing like someone who was rusty.

Because she hasn't played much at all over the last 12 months, Williams thought she "had a little pressure on me to come out and swing as usual."

She made zero unforced errors in the second set, taking the last six games and the last 12 points. She claimed 15 of the final 17 points she served.

"On her serve, it was almost

impossible," Amanmuradova said, opening her eyes wide. "I actually never played anyone on the tour serving as hard and as fast as she does."

Williams, once ranked No. 1, dropped to 33rd this month. She's at No. 30 this week, but was seeded 23rd as a nod to her five Wimbledon titles and a career record at the All England Club that's now 69-9.

"I'm smarter, if anything, than five years ago," said Williams, who turned 31 Friday.

"More and more players are starting to realize that it's an advantage to be able to play longer, because then you actually understand the game."

If that's so, her second-round opponent understands things even better than Williams does. That's because Kimiko Date-Krumm is 40; her 6-0, 7-5 defeat over British wild-card entry Katie O'Brien was her first victory at Wimbledon since reaching the 1996 semifinals.

Date-Krumm retired that year, then returned to the tour in 2008.

"It was amazing when she came back. ... I always root for her, actually," Williams said. "But this time ... I will be rooting for me." □

AP Sources: Red Bull out of NASCAR at season's end

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina

(AP) — The owner of energy drink Red Bull plans to leave NASCAR at the end of this season, The Associated Press has learned.

Multiple people familiar with the decision say a team official traveled to Michigan Speedway and told industry leaders Sunday of the impending move. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because an official announcement has not been made to team employees.

Red Bull is both the owner and sponsor of the two-car NASCAR team.

While the company has had much success in For-

mula One, winning the drivers and constructors' world championship last season, it has struggled since its 2007 entry into NASCAR and consistently has been plagued by rumors and speculation that the Austrian ownership group will leave the auto racing series.

No reason for Red Bull's leaving has been given, but the energy drink markets to the 18-to-34 age group — the demographic NASCAR has consistently lost in its current ratings slide.

Kasey Kahne posted on his Twitter page Monday that he had just heard the news and vowed his No. 4 Toyota team would finish out the season strong. He's

on a 1-year contract with Red Bull until he moves to Hendrick Motorsports at the end of the season.

"All I can say is the (No.) 4 RED BULL team is still going to do all we can to win this year. We know we can!!" Kahne tweeted.

The team had a horrendous debut season in 2007, when Brian Vickers failed to qualify for 13 of 36 races. He finished 38th in the final Sprint Cup standings.

A.J. Allmendinger missed 19 races that year and was 43rd in the final points.

Jay Frye, a respected team manager in NASCAR, was brought on the next season as general manager, and the team slowly improved. But Allmendinger was let go



This Feb. 13, 2011 file photo shows NASCAR driver Brian Vickers during qualifying for the Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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late in 2008 for Scott Speed, who had been released from the Red Bull-sponsored Toro Rosso Formula One team. Like Allmendinger, Speed was not ready for NASCAR's top level, and the lack of experience in Red Bull's second driver hindered Vickers' development. Speed was let go at the end of last year and is

currently suing Red Bull.

Vickers won a race in 2009 and made the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, only to be sidelined most of last year with blood clots. He's back this season, and the team has Kahne on loan from Hendrick Motorsports, but still isn't among the top NASCAR organizations. □

Pujols

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"He hit me on my wrist and my shoulder," Pujols said afterward. "He kind of jammed me back. It's the toughest play to make as a first baseman.

It's a bang-bang play. I saw the replay a couple of times, but I didn't really want to look at it."

The 31-year-old Pujols is due to enter free agency this fall after rejecting a multi-year contract extension at the start of spring training.

He will be placed on the 15-day disabled list for only the third time in his career and the Cardinals said they would announce a roster move prior to Tuesday night's game against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Pujols is hitting .279 this year, starting to heat up after a slow start.

Betemit said there was no way to avoid the collision.

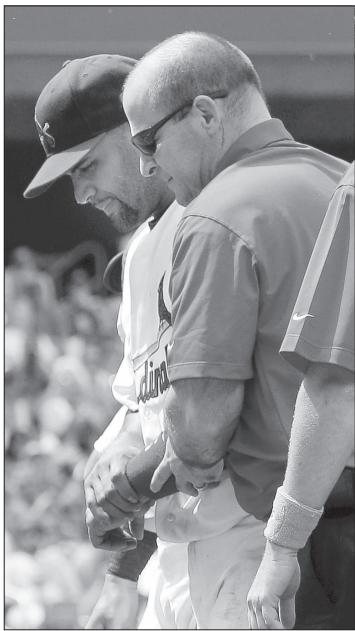
"I was running hard and the ball arrived at the same time I got to the base," Betemit said.

"I couldn't do anything about it. He hit me on my left arm, that's why he dropped the ball. I hit him and then I saw him on the ground.

That's part of the game. I couldn't do anything about it."

St. Louis was tied for first place in the NL Central despite the latest in a string of injuries.

Pujols was hurt three days after cleanup hitter Matt Holliday returned from



St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, left, leaves the field holding his left wrist with the help of assistant trainer Greg Hauck, right, during the sixth inning of an interleague baseball game against the Kansas City Royals Sunday, June 19, 2011, in St. Louis.

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a quadriceps injury that landed him on the 15-day disabled list, and Holliday also missed time following an appendectomy.

Third baseman David Freese, second baseman Skip Schumaker and pitcher Kyle McClellan also have missed significant time for a franchise that early in spring training lost 20-game winner Adam Wainwright for the season.

Lance Berkman took over at first base after the injury and could serve as the long-term fill-in at the position. He began the year as a full-time outfielder for the first time since 2004. □

Marlins hire 80-year-old Jack McKeon as manager

MIAMI (AP) — The Florida Marlins have defended the decision to hire 80-year-old Jack McKeon as interim manager.

Marlins president David Samson said the octogenarian works harder than many people half his age and seems even sharper mentally than in 2003, when he led Florida to an improbable World Series championship.

In response to the comments, a grinning McKeon intentionally messed up Samson's name.

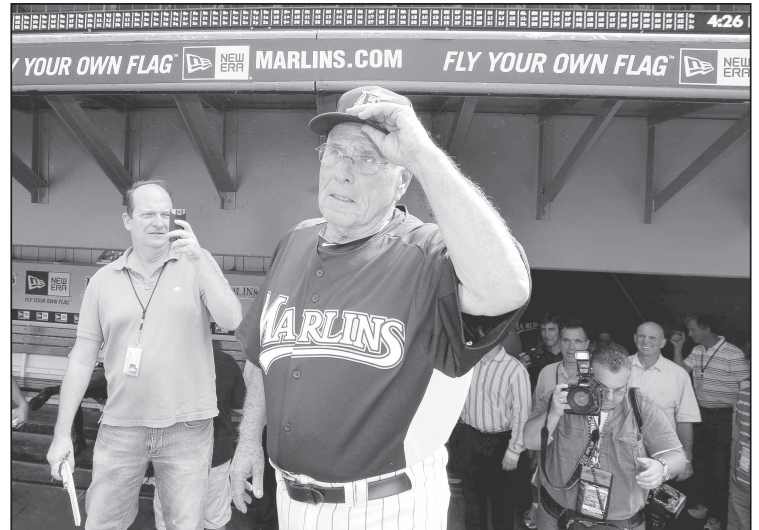
"Thanks, George," McKeon said.

The new, old skipper drew some laughs at his re-introductory news conference Monday, but the hiring was no joke. Nearly six years after McKeon retired as the Marlins' manager, he returned to his former job on an interim basis and will lead the team for the rest of the season.

He becomes the second-oldest manager in major league history.

Connie Mack managed the Philadelphia Athletics in a suit, tie and straw hat until 1950, when he was 87. "I've managed since I was 14 years old," he jokingly said. "I'll probably manage until I'm 95."

The cigar-chomping McKeon succeeds manager Edwin Rodriguez, who re-



Jack McKeon walks out from the dugout as he watches batting practice before an interleague baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels, Monday, June 20, 2011 in Miami.

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signed before Sunday's loss at Tampa Bay. Last-place Florida took a 10-game losing streak into Monday night's matchup at home against the Los Angeles Angels. McKeon's first lineup card caused a stir, because it didn't include 2009 NL batting champion Hanley Ramirez, who has been in a slump all season.

"I didn't think he was running very good (Sunday)," said McKeon, who watched the game on TV from his home in North Carolina.

Ramirez has been battling a sore back but also has a reputation for a lack of hustle, and McKeon declined to say which he thought was the issue.

Ramirez had no complaint

about being held out of the lineup and said he welcomed McKeon's old-school approach.

"He's going to get on everybody here," Ramirez said. "If you don't play hard, you're not going to be here."

Teammate Logan Morrison agreed that was a good thing.

"We have a lot of guys who Edwin said don't hustle or play hard," Morrison said. "Maybe Jack can kick them in the butt."

McKeon had been working part time as a special assistant to team owner Jeffrey Loria. His hiring came with the Marlins trying to end a three-week free-fall that had seen them go 1-18 in June. □

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Defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom to return to Red Wings



This March 28, 2011, file photo shows Detroit Red Wings defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom, of Sweden, skating against the Chicago Blackhawks in the first period of an NHL hockey game, in Detroit.

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LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Nicklas Lidstrom is coming back for a 20th season with the Detroit Red Wings, agreeing to a one-year deal worth \$6.2 million.

"The reason it took so long was I wanted to make sure I found the motivation," the 41-year-old Lidstrom said Monday on a conference call.

Lidstrom is a Norris Trophy finalist for the 11th time in 13 seasons. If he wins the award for being the NHL's top defenseman — it would be his seventh — on

Wednesday, he will match Doug Harvey's total and trail Bobby Orr's record by only one.

He is also a finalist for the Lady Byng Memorial Trophy for sportsmanship and the Mark Messier Leadership Award.

The soft-spoken Swede leads with his actions.

He had 62 points last season — surpassing his production from each of the previous two years — to rank second among NHL defenseman and to become the first 40-year-old defenseman with 60-plus points in an NHL season.

"Nick had a tremendous year and continues to be one of the elite defenseman in the game," Red Wings general manager Ken Holland.

Lidstrom's 6-foot-2, 190-pound body is chiseled thanks to a year-round workout that includes exercise before practice and after games along with a sensible diet that includes only occasional slices of pizza and fast food.

The four-time Stanley Cup champion decided last summer to put retirement on hold, pausing only because his oldest son started

school in Sweden last autumn, and signed a \$6.2 million, one-year deal.

Next season, he will lead a defensive corps that includes Niklas Kronwall and Brad Stuart and a roster that should give the team a shot to earn a spot in a 20th straight postseason berth — a streak that started when Lidstrom was a rookie.

The Red Wings will attempt to acquire a standout defenseman this offseason with at least some of the \$6 million freed up when Brian Rafalski retired last month with a year left on his contract. □

McIlroy

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The buzz around the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland made this feel like the 1997 Masters.

That was a watershed moment in sports, signaling the arrival of Woods. He brought a breathtaking blend of power and putting, seized control of the tournament on the second day, demoralized Colin Montgomerie in the third round and won by 12 shots with a record score to become the youngest Masters champion.

Woods wasn't at Congressional, but at times it felt like it. The energy picked up late Friday morning, right after McIlroy holed out a pitching wedge for eagle on the par-4 eighth to be-

come only the fifth player in U.S. Open history to reach double-digits under par.

The difference was it took him only 26 holes, and he was just getting warmed up. When he stood on the 10th tee, thousands of fans stood shoulder-to-shoulder from the tee all the way up the hill to the clubhouse. They crowded onto the verandah at the clubhouse, and there were so many fans leaning against the railing on the balcony they looked like passengers on a cruise ship coming into port.

All this to see a Boy Wonder who just might be the future of golf.

Golf might be ready for a new star, especially considering the personal failures of Woods and the health problems that cloud his future.



U.S. Open golf championship winner Rory McIlroy, or Northern Ireland, responds to questions during an event at the Willowbend Country Club in Mashpee, Mass., Monday, June 20, 2011.

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McIlroy brings a killer instinct to the course, yet already has shown he can lose as well as he can win.

Leave it to a kid, however, to preach patience.

As he was on his way to posting the first sub-200

score over 54 holes in a U.S. Open — 14-under 199 — in the third round, Padraig Harrington declared him as being the player perhaps best suited to chase Jack Nicklaus' benchmark of 18 professional majors.

"If you're going to talk about someone challenging Jack's record, there's your man," Harrington said. "Winning majors at 22 with his talent, he would have 20 more years ... where he could be competitive. It would give him a great chance."

Upon hearing this, McIlroy bowed his head and said quietly into the microphone with playful condemnation, "Paddy, Paddy, Paddy."

Then came Sunday, when he was as relentless as ever, stretching his lead to as many as 10 shots, and his score as low as 17 under. □

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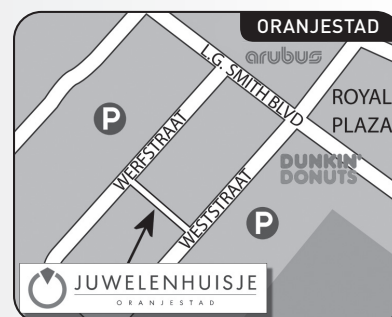
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Key NFL owners' meeting begins Tuesday

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Pro Football Writer

CHICAGO — One day of owners' meetings could turn into two. Whether that's a sign of progress toward the end of the lockout and labor peace is debatable.

NFL owners will gather Tuesday, and perhaps into Wednesday, to discuss the status of negotiations with the players for a new collective bargaining agreement.

This is the first meeting called by the league strictly for labor matters, and the 32 team owners and representatives who will be on hand were advised last week to prepare to stay an extra day.

That's how complex — and

perhaps contentious — some of the issues are.

In the last three weeks, groups led by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith have made enough progress toward a CBA that it sparked optimism training camps could open on time late next month.

But no one is saying a deal is imminent, and several owners are known to have strong questions about proposals being discussed with the players.

Each side is eager to get something done before the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis rules on the league's request to permanently block an injunction

that originally lifted the lockout.

That injunction had been on hold while the three-man appeals panel considers the case, but one of the judges warned the owners and players they both wouldn't like the decision.

Fearful of a ruling in which both sides lose — for example, the lockout could be allowed to continue, but only until it reaches six months, which would be four days after the regular season opens — Goodell, lead negotiator Jeff Pash and a handful of owners



Members of the Kansas City Chiefs run a play during a players' organized football workout, Thursday, June 16, 2011, in Roeland Park, Kan. Over 40 players showed up for the workout as the NFL lockout continues.

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WNBA Roundup Charles leads Sun over Sky

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut's Tina Charles scored 11 of her career-high 31 points in the fourth quarter and had 11 rebounds to lead the WNBA Eastern Conference-leading Sun to an 83-68 victory over the Chicago Sky on Sunday.

Kara Lawson added 13 points for Connecticut which notched a third straight victory.

Sylvia Fowles led Chicago with 23 points and nine rebounds.

Lynx 77, Dream 64

In Atlanta, Minnesota made it five straight wins by defeating Atlanta.

Seimone Augustus scored 19 points, going 7 of 13 from the field with six rebounds. She has 44 points over the Lynx past two wins. Lindsay Whalen added 13 points for Minnesota.

Lindsey Harding led Atlanta with 14 points.

Sparks 74, Storm 50

In Los Angeles, the hosts ended a run of seven straight losses against Seattle.

Reserve forward Ebony Hoffman scored 12 points and Kristi Toliver scored 11 in a balanced Sparks' offense. Los Angeles had lost



Connecticut Sun's Tina Charles shoots over Chicago Sky's Epiphanny Prince during the first half of their WNBA basketball game in Uncasville, Conn., on Sunday, June 19, 2011.

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its past five regular season meetings with the Storm, and were swept in the playoffs last year.

Sue Bird scored 15 points to lead Seattle, which trailed by 14 points at halftime and never got closer than nine in the second half.

Mercury 93, Fever 89, OT

In Phoenix, Diana Taurasi scored seven of her 32 points in overtime, all on free throws, to lift Phoenix over Indiana.

Indiana turned the ball

over and Tamika Catchings fouled Taurasi with 21.7 seconds left and she hit the two free throws. She had made five straight earlier in the overtime to tie it the Fever had scored the first five points.

Candice Dupree had 21 points and 18 rebounds for the Mercury, who had been the WNBA's last winless team.

Jessica Davenport had 20 points and nine rebounds for Indiana. □

have met with Smith and a group of players over the past three weeks.

Out of those talks has come word of movement and an atmosphere of cooperation, a far cry from the rhetoric and court actions of the previous months.

Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay has said a deal needs to be in place by July 4 in order to have a normal training camp and preseason.

The Minnesota Vikings announced they could wait until July 18 to determine if they will hold any of their training camp in Mankato, as they usually do, but that certainly is cutting things close.

No talks with the players are scheduled until after the Chicago owners' meeting.

Instead, the owners will be briefed on recent negotiations, including such topics as prospective salary caps; a rookie wage scale; free agency requirements; health benefits; and, most significantly, how much revenue from the \$9.3 billion business they are willing to share with the players.

Of chief concern on the owners' side could be keeping a united front if some teams, particularly the lower-revenue or small-market franchises, are not satisfied with the numbers presented in Chicago.

The first preseason game, at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, is scheduled for Aug. 7. That makes these meetings, over 24 hours or more, critical in the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987. □

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Phelps loses 200 fly again in tuneup for worlds



Michael Phelps, left, shakes hands with Nicholas D'Arcy, right, after the men's 200-meter butterfly at the Santa Clara International Grand Prix swim meet in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, June 19, 2011. Phelps placed second in 1 minute, 55.40 seconds, and D'Arcy won in 1:55.39.

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ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer
SANTA CLARA, California (AP) — Michael Phelps lost for the third straight time in one of his signature events, finishing one-hundredth of a second behind Australia's Nick D'Arcy in the 200-meter butterfly on Sunday at the Santa Clara International Grand Prix.

The 14-time Olympic gold medalist and world-record holder in the event was hardly at his dominating best, getting chased down in the final 25 meters by D'Arcy, who touched the wall in 1 minute, 55.39 seconds.

Phelps took comfort in the close finish and believes he's on pace to be at full-strength for the

world championships next month in Shanghai. Still, Phelps hadn't lost the 200 fly in almost nine years and now has dropped three in a row.

The two other losses came to China's Wu Peng. Even in tuneup races, losing streaks are rare for the planet's most recognized swimmer. "I would have liked to get the win and end the drought ... but Nick and I have had some good races over the past couple years and he's definitely a tough competitor and he finishes really strong," Phelps said.

D'Arcy was second to Phelps at last year's Pan Pacific championships but stopped short of saying he's gaining ground on Phelps.

what comes after that. Hopefully somewhere in the right direction." Phelps has certainly improved since earlier this year.

He finished fourth in the 200 fly in Ann Arbor, Michigan, before moving into second behind Wu in Charlotte. His preliminary time Sunday morning also was almost 6 seconds slower than the final, and he credits his training for the improvement.

Even though it's a non-Olympic year, Phelps believes this is an important one for his future. He's going to change his event schedule ahead of next year's London Games, competing in less taxing races to maximize his output.

The rest of this summer will help decide that schedule.

"I'm actually in a lot better place mentally than I was a couple months ago and a couple weeks ago," Phelps said. "Being able to come down from altitude and being able to do some of the work I did there I think is going to pay off the rest of the summer."

Among the other notables Sunday: Daniel Bell held off Ryan Lochte to win the 100 backstroke; Lochte also was second in the 200 individual medley to Thiago Pereira; Eric Shanteau took the 100 breaststroke; and Ricardo Monasterio won the 1,500 freestyle.

On the women's side, Kathleen Hersey won the 200 fly; Jessica Hardy was first in the 100 breaststroke; Emily Seeborn overcame a bout of food poisoning and was victorious in the 100 backstroke; Ariana Kukors won the 200 individual medley from Olympic champion Stephanie Rice; and Wendy Trott was first in the 800 free.



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Internet minders OK vast expansion of domain names

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SINGAPORE (AP) — Internet minders voted Monday to allow virtually unlimited new domain names based on themes as varied as company brands, entertainment and political causes, in the system's biggest shake-up since it started 26 years ago.

Groups able to pay the \$185,000 application can petition next year for new updates to ".com" and ".net" with website suffixes using nearly any word in any language, including in Arabic, Chinese and other scripts, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers decided at a meeting in Singapore.

"This is the start of a whole new phase for the Internet," said Peter Dengate Thrush, chairman of ICANN's board of directors. "Unless there is a good reason to restrain it, innovation should be allowed to run free."

ICANN's decision culminates six years of negotiations and is the biggest change to the system since ".com" made its debut in 1984. The expansion plan had been delayed largely because of concerns that

new suffixes could infringe on trademarks and copyrights.

High-profile entertainment, consumer goods and financial services companies will likely be among the first to apply for their own domain name in a bid to protect their brands, experts said.

"It will allow corporations to better take control of their brands," said Theo Hnarakis, chief executive of Melbourne IT, which manages online brands for clients such as Volvo, LEGO and GlaxoSmithKline. "For example, .apple or .ipad would take customers right to those products."

The surge in domains should help alleviate some of the overlap of names in the most popular suffixes, especially ".com", which has 94 million sites registered.

More than 300 suffixes are available today, the bulk of them country-specific codes, such as ".jp" for Japan and ".fr" for France. Those are typically restricted to groups or individuals with a presence in the countries. Only a handful are open for general use worldwide.

In March, ICANN approved ".xxx" for pornography, but



In this March 16, 2010 file photo, former President Bill Clinton gives the keynote address at the "25 Years of Dot Com Policy Impact Forum" in Washington.

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some porn sites have declined to adopt the suffix, fearing it will make it easier for governments to ban them. Conservative groups opposed the ".xxx" name too, arguing it could attract children to adult sites.

Analysts said they expect between 500 to 1,000 new domain names, mostly companies and products, but also cities and generic names such as ".bank"

or ".hotel." Groups have formed to back ".sport" for sporting sites, and two conservationist groups separately are seeking the right to operate an ".eco" suffix. ICANN plans to auction off domains if multiple parties have legitimate claims. However, it expects companies will likely strike deals among themselves to avoid a public auction.

"I think we'll see much more

of that going on than see auctions generating circuses," Dengate Thrush said. "But there is that prospect that there will be a couple of identical applicants and applications."

The application process is arduous — the fee is \$185,000 and the guidebook is 360 pages — and meant to prevent scammers from grabbing valuable domain names. ICANN will receive applications for new domains for 90 days beginning Jan. 12. "It's a significant undertaking.

We're calling it the Olympic bid," said Adrian Kinderis, chief executive of AusRegistry International, which helps companies to register domains and manages names such as ".au" for Australia.

"But it's worth it for corporations that have suffered from things like trademark infringement, and can now carve out a niche on the internet," Kinderis said. ICANN said it has set aside up to \$2 million to assist applicants from developing countries.

"The board's very enthusiastic about providing support for applicants from developing areas where the evaluation fee or access to technical expertise might be somewhat of a bar," ICANN senior vice president Kurt Pritz told reporters after the meeting. □

British Library, Google in deal to digitize books

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A treatise on a stuffed hippopotamus, an 18th-century English primer for Danish sailors and a description of the first engine-driven submarine are among 250,000 books to be made available online in a deal between Google and the British Library.

The agreement, announced Monday, will let Internet users read, search, download and copy thousands of texts published between 1700 and 1870.

It is a small step toward the library's goal of making the bulk of its 14 million books and 1 million periodicals available in digital form by 2020.

"So far we have only been able to digitize quite a small fraction of the global collection," said the library's chief executive, Lynne Brindley. "There is a long way to go."

The deal with Google, which will see 40 million pages digitized over the next three years, will offer online researchers a selection of rarely seen works from an era of social, political, scientific and technological change that took in the Enlightenment, the Industrial Revolution and the American war of independence.

The books range from Georges Louis Leclerc's "Natural History of the Hippopotamus, or River-Horse" — which includes a description of a stuffed animal owned by the Prince of Orange — to the 1858 work "A Scheme for Underwater Seafaring," describing the first combustion engine-driven submarine.

The books are more than scholarly curiosities. British Library curator Kristian Jensen said an 18th-century guide to



People work on laptops in a reading room at the British Library in London, Monday, June 20, 2011.

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English for Danish mariners shows "how English began to emerge from being the language spoken by people over there on that island" to become the world's dominant tongue.

Google will pay to digitize the books, which are no longer covered by copyright restrictions. They will be available on the British Library and Google Books websites.

Peter Barron, Google's European spokesman, declined to say how much the project would cost, beyond describing it as "a substantial sum."

Google has digitized 13 million books in similar deals with more than 40 libraries around the world. □

EU strives to contain Greek debt storm

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LUXEMBOURG (AP) — Europe tried to set up a firewall on Monday between the financial turmoil ravaging Greece and the destinies of Ireland and Portugal, the two other bailed-

out eurozone countries, and increased pressure on Athens to pass new austerity measures in exchange for saving it from default. Eurozone governments agreed to reinforce their bailout funds to boost confidence in their ability to stop the crisis from taking

BUSINESS BRIEFS

IHOP to expand in the Middle East

GLENDALE, California (AP) — DineEquity Inc., which owns the IHOP chain of restaurants, said Monday it plans to open 40 new IHOP stores in the Middle East with Kuwait-based franchiser M.H. Alshaya Co. in its first major expansion outside of the U.S.

The restaurants will begin to open over the next 12 months in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain and Egypt.

No financial terms were disclosed.

DineEquity, which also operates Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill, has previously only opened stores in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. But it has been looking further afield lately, opening stores in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guatemala.

The company plans to open 55 to 65 new restaurants in 2011, the majority in the U.S. □

EMI considers sale, Initial Public Offering or recapitalization

LONDON (AP) — Struggling British music company EMI Group Ltd. says it is exploring the possibility of a sale or an initial public offering.

EMI, owned by Citigroup, says the board of directors of its holding company, EMI Group Global Ltd., is reviewing the future of the business and looking into "strategic alternatives," including recapitalization.

The company — home of the Beatles, Lily Allen and Norah Jones — was purchased by private equity firm Terra Firma in 2007 in a 4.2 billion-pound (\$6.8 billion) acquisition financed with debt from Citigroup.

Terra Firma later said it had overpaid for the deal, and when it failed to pay its loans Citigroup acquired all its share capital in February.

EMI said Monday it would not disclose further developments until the board approves a strategic plan. □

ING may sell \$5.7B car lease business

AMSTERDAM (AP) — ING Groep NV says it is in talks to sell its car leasing business, which analysts estimate to have a value around €4 billion (\$5.7 billion).

In a statement Monday, the company declined to name potential buyers and says there are no guarantees it will reach a deal.

The unit leases 240,000 cars around Europe. Competitors — and potential buyers — include Arval, Athlon, BMW-Alphabet, Volkswagendochter Leaseplan and GE Fleet Services.

The announcement comes just days after ING agreed to sell its U.S. internet banking business to Capital One for \$9 billion.

ING has been revamping its business since it was bailed out by the Dutch state during the 2008 financial crisis, and plans to separate its banking and insurance arms by the end of 2012. □



European Council President Herman Van Rompuy, right, and Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou address the media at the European Council building in Brussels, Monday, June 20, 2011.

Associated Press

down other countries and to help Ireland and Portugal emerge from their debt holes.

Greece's financial life support from Europe, meanwhile, depends on it taking new deficit-cutting measures. After days of political chaos, the government in Athens has to survive a confidence vote and then get its austerity plan through parliament. To make sure that happens, eurozone ministers have delayed crucial new loans until after the parliamentary vote.

"Times are difficult, the reform fatigue is visible in the streets of Athens, Madrid and elsewhere, and so is the support fatigue in some of our member states," said Olli Rehn, the European Union's Monetary Affairs Commissioner.

But he urged countries to press on with the austerity. "We are about to complete a decisive response to the worst crisis since the Second World War," he added. If the Greek parliament approves the austerity measures — worth about €28 billion (\$40 billion) on top of an unpopular €50 billion privatization program — then eurozone finance ministers will gather again on July 3 to approve the next, critical €12 billion installment of Greece's bailout loans.

The country's European

creditors and the International Monetary Fund are also pushing for the main opposition party to support the measures, which have already sparked violent street protests and forced Prime Minister George Papandreou to reshuffle his Cabinet.

"The greatest weight of responsibility lies on the shoulders of the new Greek government" as well as the other main political forces in the country, said Rehn. Beyond that, much more remains to be done, as officials conceded Greece will probably need a second bailout of about the same size as the €110 billion (\$160 billion) it got from the eurozone countries and the IMF last year. Many economists question whether Greece can get out of its crisis without restructuring its €340 billion debt load by making creditors take less than they are owed. That's an option EU officials so far ruled out for fear of the potentially disastrous impact on financial markets.

EU officials acknowledged the political difficulty of meeting the bailout requirements, which are aimed both at forcing Greece to fix its finances and at convincing voters in countries like Germany, who are skeptical of putting up money for others' mistakes,

that progress will be made. With the tentative deal set on the loan payout, the finance ministers also signed off on important changes to their bailout funds, which they hope will reinforce confidence in the eurozone's struggling economies and protect them from the market panic afflicting Greece.

Investors were clearly nervous on Monday, with borrowing rates in Portugal, for example, hitting record highs. To boost market confidence, ministers agreed to raise their guarantees for bailout loans from the current rescue fund to €780 billion (\$1.1 trillion) from €440 billion, said Klaus Regling, who manages the Luxembourg-based fund.

That will allow the fund to lend out a total of €440 billion, up from about €250 billion currently.

The European Financial Stability Facility, as the fund is known, requires significant over-guarantees to get a good credit rating and raise cash. The increase had been agreed in principle in March, but putting it into force required states to almost double their commitments to the fund — an unpopular move at a time when citizens in rich countries are increasingly frustrated with the cost of helping their weaker neighbors. □

Poll: Most consumers short on emergency savings

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AP Personal Finance Writer

CHICAGO — Even after the jolt of the Great Recession, a new study finds that most Americans are not financially prepared for an emergency.

A survey released Monday by financial data publisher Bankrate.com found that only 24 percent of consumers have the recommended cushion of at least six months' expenses set aside. The vast majority aren't ready for contingencies; another 24 percent don't have any emergency savings at all. With 6.2 million people out of work for half a year or longer, the results underscore just how unprepared many are at a time when both job security and the economy pose concerns.

"The majority of Americans still have much work to do in building an adequate emergency savings cushion," said Greg McBride, senior financial analyst for Bankrate.

The survey results are somewhat surprising, he said, in that the high rates of both joblessness and underemployment dating to the 2007-09 recession have driven home the need for emergency savings. Yet the challenges of the economy and job market also have limited the ability to sock money away for unexpected expenses.

Respondents under age 30 and those with annual incomes under \$30,000 were the most likely to report having no emergency savings whatsoever. Those likeliest to have six months' expenses in an emergency fund were higher-income households and people in their 50s and 60s.

Fewer than half of those who participated in the poll had at least three months' expenses in emergency savings — unchanged from 2007 results.

Discipline is key in building up emergency savings, McBride said.

The takeaway for consumers, he said, should be to start putting more money away with every paycheck. If they build their savings by paying themselves first via automatic deposit, they will gradually move closer to the six-month savings level and also force themselves to spend less.

Among other survey findings:

- Feelings of financial security, as measured by Bankrate's monthly Financial Security Index, declined slightly to 97.8 in June from 98.5 in May. Any reading under 100 signifies how much less financially secure people are feeling than a year ago.
- About 26 percent said they were more comfortable with their debt compared with a year ago and 19 percent felt less comfortable, the lowest figure since Bankrate began the monthly polls last December.

Results were based on a telephone survey with 1,006 adults conducted June 2-5 by Princeton Survey Research Associates International. The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percent. □

Federal regulators sue JPMorgan, RBS for \$840M



In this Feb. 4, 2011 file photo, a part of the JP Morgan Chase building reflects in its granite sign wall in New York.

Associated Press

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AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

— Federal regulators on Monday sued JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Royal Bank of Scotland PLC in a bid to recover about \$840 million in losses on securities tied to high-risk mortgages that were purchased by five wholesale credit unions that failed in the financial crisis.

The National Credit Union Administration is accusing the securities divisions of JPMorgan and RBS of misrepresenting how risky of the securities were when they sold them to the corporate credit unions, which failed in 2009 and 2010.

Corporate credit unions provide financing and investment services to the much larger population of retail credit unions. Several of the 28 corporate credit unions in the U.S. sustained steep losses from the depressed value of the mortgage-linked securities they held.

The agency says the failure of the five — U.S. Central, Western Corporate, Southwest Corporate, Members United Corporate and Constitution Corporate — resulted from those losses. It seized the five credit unions, put them into conservatorship and liquidated them.

The agency has been negotiating with other Wall Street banks in an effort to reach settlements over the sales of risky mortgage securities, which the banks packaged and sold to investors at the height of the housing boom. The regulators could file suits against five to 10 other banks in the coming weeks if "reasonable" settlements aren't reached, putting the total amount of damages sought in the billions of dollars, the NCUA said.

"Those who caused the problems in the wholesale credit unions should pay for the losses now being paid by retail credit unions," NCUA Chairman Deborah Matz said in a statement. □

Oil steady as worries about Europe continue

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AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil leveled off Monday with investors still concerned about the European financial crisis.

Benchmark crude for July delivery gained 25 cents to settle at \$93.26 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The July contract expires on Tuesday, and most of the trading switched to the August contract, which added 23 cents to settle at \$93.63 per barrel.

All eyes remain on Greece, which is trying to implement tough new austerity measures necessary to keep international aid coming to deal with its debt crisis. Without that aid, investors worry that Greece's financial troubles could spread to other European countries.

Credit ratings agency Moody's has warned that it may downgrade its debt rating on three of France's largest banks because of their exposure to Greek debt. Moody's said Monday that it may reduce Italy's credit rating due to poor growth prospects and high public debt.

"The fear is that we end up with a banking crisis like 2008," said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research. "It's a small possibility, but people are reacting to that."

Oil stayed just above \$93 per barrel on Monday despite rising stock markets. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up about 60 points in afternoon trading. The Nasdaq and the Standard & Poor's 500 were higher as well. □



21-year-old Alyssa Campanella wins coveted Miss USA crown

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Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A 21-year-old auburn-haired California model won the Miss USA crown and will represent the United States in this year's Miss Universe pageant.

Alyssa Campanella of Los Angeles topped a field of 51 beauty queens on Sunday to take the title at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip. She strutted across the stage in a blue bikini with white polka dots and a dark turquoise Sherri Hill evening gown with beading on its top.

She also answered a question about legalizing marijuana by saying she didn't think it should be fully legalized as a solution to help ailing economies.

Campanella told reporters in a news conference after the pageant that the



Alyssa Campanella, Miss California, reacts after being crowned the 2011 Miss USA, Sunday, June 19, 2011, in Las Vegas.
(AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)



From left, Miss Alabama, Miss Hawaii, Miss California and Miss Maryland react after being named as four of the semifinalists during the 2011 Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas.
(AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

win validated her decision to quickly move to Los Angeles from New Jersey after losing an apartment.

"The downs happen for a reason," she said.

"The path that I'm on now is the path that's been meant to be."

Campanella, a former Miss Teen USA runner-up from 2007, when she represented New Jersey, said she has been competing in pageants since she was 15 because of her mom.

"I was going through a tough time in high school and she thought it'd be a great way for me to meet other girls throughout the

state," she said.

"It's Mom's fault."

Originally from Manalapan, New Jersey, Campanella began modeling at age 16, graduated from high school a year early and received a scholarship to the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts, according to her personal website.

Campanella, a history buff who says in her Twitter bio that she was "born in the wrong time period," said she thought the marijuana question posed to her from "Real Housewives of New Jersey" housewife Caroline Manzo was fair, given that she represents California.

"Well, I understand why that question would be asked, especially with today's economy, but I also understand that medical marijuana is very important to help those who need it medically," she said during the pageant.

"I'm not sure if it should be legalized, if it would really affect, with the drug war," she said.

"I mean, it's abused today, unfortunately, so that's the only reason why I would kind of be a little bit against it, but medically it's OK."

Marijuana has been legal for medical use in California for about 15 years. □

'Jackass' star Ryan Dunn dies in fiery auto crash

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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — "Jackass" star Ryan Dunn, who made viewers cringe and snicker through vulgar stunts in their multimillion-dollar TV and movie franchise, was killed early Monday in a fiery car crash. He was 34.

Dunn, a daredevil whose most famous skits included diving into a sewage tank and shoving a toy car into his rectum, was driving his 2007 Porsche in suburban Philadelphia when it went off the road, flipped over a guardrail and crashed into the woods before bursting into flames. A passenger was also killed, and speed may have been a factor in the crash, West Goshen Township police said.

The force of impact shattered the vehicle into several twisted and blackened pieces, leaving the Porsche 911 GT3 unrecognizable except for a door that was thrown from the crash and not incinerated. A 100-foot (30-meter)-long tire skid marked where the car left the roadway.

Both Dunn and his passenger were severely burned. Police said they were able to identify Dunn through his tattoos and hair, but the identity of his passenger was still unknown. Dunn appeared on MTV shows "Jackass" and "Viva La Bam" and the three "Jackass" big-screen adaptations. He also was the star of his own MTV show, "Home-wrecker," and hosted "Proving Ground" on the G4 cable network. □

Guitarist Leslie West recovering

BILOXI, Mississippi (AP) — Leslie West, guitarist for the rock group Mountain and a 65-year-old diabetic, is recovering after his lower right leg was amputated.

The amputation Monday was needed to stop a septic infection that started in his foot, according to an e-mailed statement from his wife, Jenni West.

"The doctors tried for two days to save it to no avail," she wrote in the statement forwarded to The Associated Press by publicist Steve Karas.

"The decision to amputate was one that was necessary to save his life as the infection was spreading throughout his body."

The infection was complicated by peripheral arterial disease and "blood clotting factors," she wrote.

Mountain was among the groups that played at the 1969 Woodstock festival.



In this photo, U.S. reality television personality and daredevil Ryan Dunn attends the Jackass 3D UK Premiere at a central London cinema. Police say Dunn and a passenger in his 2007 Porsche died Monday, June 20, 2011, of injuries sustained in a car crash in suburban Philadelphia.
(AP Photo/dapd, Jorge Herrera)

Early hits included "Mississippi Queen," "Never In My Life," "Theme From An Imaginary Western" and "Nantucket Sleighride."

The group is widely credited as an early influence on heavy metal music.

The group split up in 1972 and West began a solo career which continued after the band re-formed in the 1980s. The original bassist, Felix Pappalardi, was killed in 1983. The Wests married on stage after Mountain's performance at the Woodstock 40th anniversary concert in Bethel, New York.

Known for his girth in his younger days, Leslie West has slimmed down significantly over the years.

He also has become a part of radio shock jock Howard Stern's circle, sometimes appearing on Stern's show. Leslie West had been scheduled to perform with Mountain on Friday in Biloxi. □

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Marilyn Monroe subway dress auctioned for \$4.6 million



In this Sept. 9, 1954 file photo, Marilyn Monroe poses over the updraft of a New York subway grating while in character for the filming of "The Seven Year Itch" in New York. Monroe's flirty dress from "The Seven Year Itch" is going to a collector who bid \$4.6 million at a weekend auction of Hollywood memorabilia. The dress was among the film costumes and props collected by Debbie Reynolds over four decades.

(AP Photo/Matty Zimmerman, File)

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Marilyn Monroe dress that flirted revealingly with a gust of New York subway air in "The Seven Year Itch" fetched a record \$4.6 million at an auction of film memorabilia. A more sedate outfit worn by Audrey Hepburn in the Ascot race

scene of "My Fair Lady" drew a \$3.7 million bid at the sale of nearly 600 Hollywood costumes and props collected by film star Debbie Reynolds. The buyers, who were not identified, also paid a sum to the auction house and other fees, according to auction publicity firm Nancy Seltzer & Associates. That brought

the total price to more than \$5.6 million for the Monroe costume and \$4.5 million for the black-and-white gown worn by Hepburn. The total was \$22.8 million, according to auction house Profiles in History. "I'm thrilled beyond words. This first auction shows that our great stars were loved by the world," Reynolds said. □



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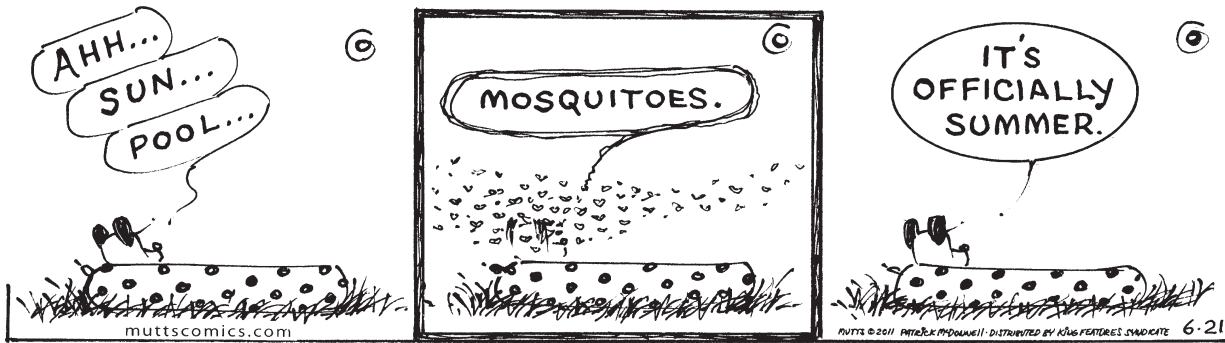
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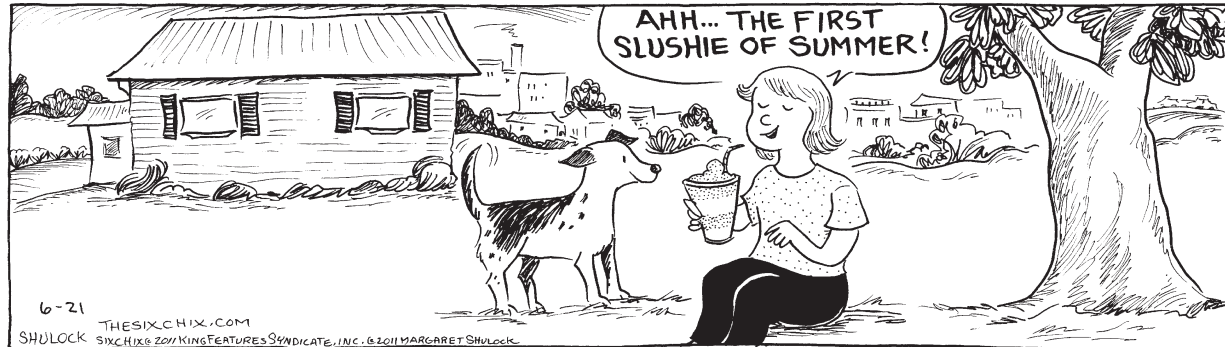
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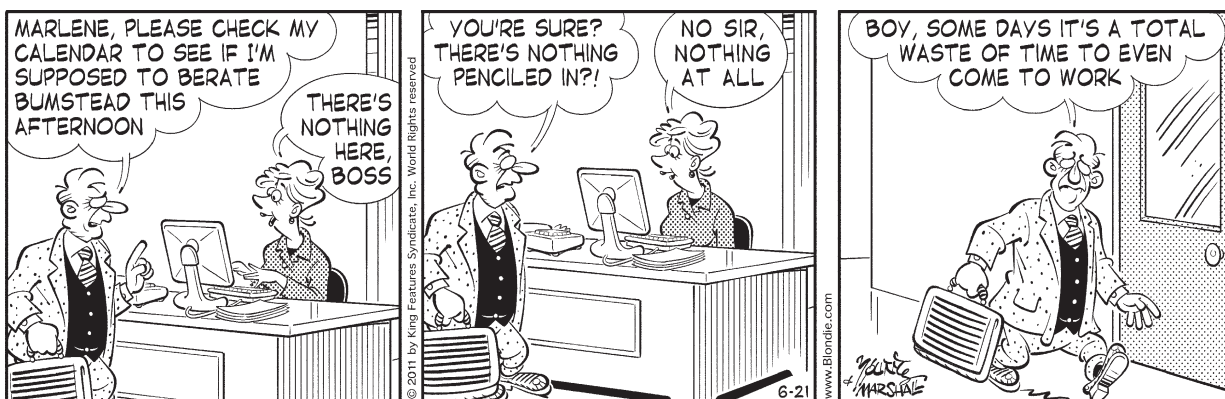
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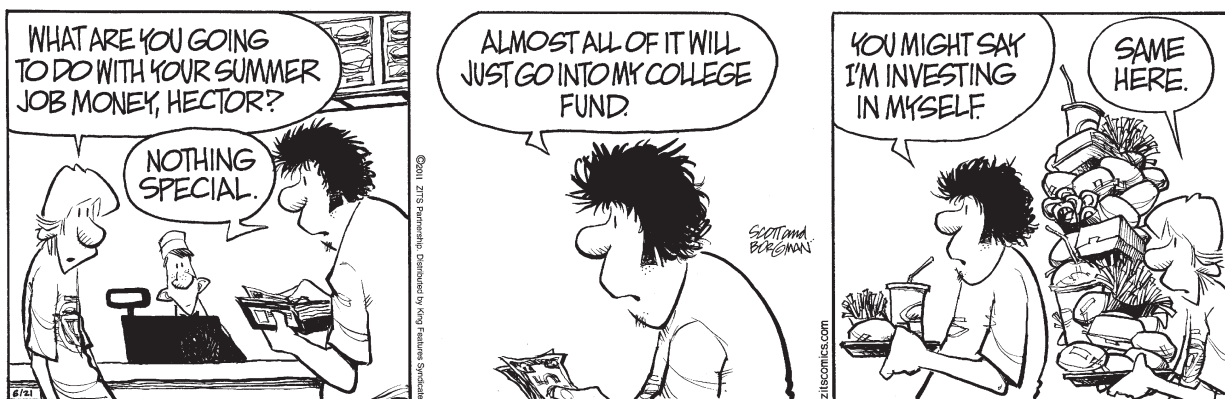
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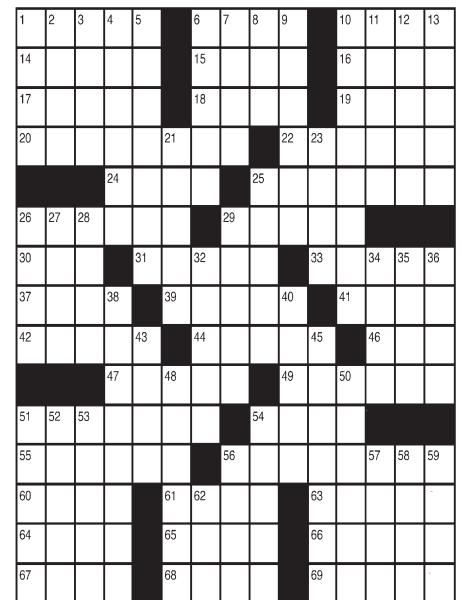
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1	2	9	8	5	6	3	7	4
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3	6	7	4	1	2	5	8	9
2	7	5	3	4	1	9	6	8
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6	9	4	7	8	5	2	1	3
5	4	6	1	9	7	8	3	2
7	8	2	5	3	4	6	9	1
9	1	3	6	2	8	7	4	5

ACROSS

- 1 Lions' dens
- 6 Empty spaces
- 10 Disorderly state
- 14 Tiny map in a larger map
- 15 Unluck
- 16 Member of an old Montreal baseball team
- 17 Back tooth
- 18 ___ out; allot
- 19 Gang's territory
- 20 Unilateral
- 22 Flower variety
- 24 Aroma
- 25 Helter-; haphazardly
- 26 Expresses one's views
- 29 ___ flush; best poker hand
- 30 Wynken, Blynken and ___
- 31 Capital of South Korea
- 33 Written slander
- 37 Fishes that resemble snakes
- 39 Evans and Robertson
- 41 Relinquish
- 42 Water vapor
- 44 Adjust again
- 46 Grow old
- 47 Naming ___; accusing
- 49 Walk unsteadily
- 51 ___ spirit; soul mate
- 54 Grow dim
- 55 Came together
- 56 Individually crafted
- 60 Bambi, for one
- 61 Botch
- 63 Sane
- 64 Killer whale
- 65 Lounge about
- 66 Miscalculated
- 67 "___ on it!"; "Hurry up!"
- 68 Pair of oxen
- 69 Slender & frail



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Star's car
- 2 Shortly
- 3 ___ of Wight
- 4 Motive
- 5 Long steps
- 6 Jim Nabors' TV role
- 7 Ridiculed
- 8 Gerbil or greyhound
- 9 Underhanded
- 10 Made of steel, copper, tin, etc.
- 11 Rejoice
- 12 Wild activity
- 13 Up to now
- 21 Gave medicine to
- 23 Passion
- 25 Shoe bottoms
- 26 Dollar bills
- 27 Robert Frost or Joyce Kilmer
- 28 Not working
- 29 Regulations
- 32 Rowed
- 34 Pearl necklace piece
- 35 Rim
- 36 Malicious look

- 38 Golfing hazard
- 40 Jetta or Sonata
- 43 Female horse
- 45 Little child
- 48 Flying, crop-destroying bug
- 50 Reserved; modest
- 51 Praise
- 52 Still; lifeless
- 53 Nephew's sister
- 54 Fairy tale
- 56 Wrestler Hogan
- 57 Farmland unit
- 58 Passed away
- 59 Small whirlpool
- 62 British restroom

Today In History

Today is Tuesday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2011. There are 193 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1798 - British under Lord Lake defeat Irish rebels at Vinegar Hill and enter Wexford, stronghold of Irish Rebellion.

1813 - British under Duke of Wellington rout French completely at Vitoria, forcing Joseph Bonaparte to flee from Spain to France.

1871 - The French consul and some 20 other foreigners are killed by a mob in Tientsin, an attack that almost leads the European powers to attack China.

1887 - Britain annexes Zululand, blocking Transvaal's attempts to gain access to Africa's coast.

1945 - Japanese forces on Okinawa surrender to Americans in World War II.

1960 - Britain, France, Netherlands and United States provide for a Caribbean organization for economic cooperation.

1963 - France withdraws Atlantic naval forces from NATO.

1965 - Army officer Houari Boumedienne organizes new government in Algeria after ousting and arresting President Ahmed Ben Bella.

1970 - Indochina war erupts on dozen fronts in heaviest fighting since Vietnam conflict spread to Cambodia in April.

1971 - International Court of Justice in the Hague rules that South Africa's administration of territory of Southwest Africa is illegal.

1976 - Rioting breaks out in black townships around Pretoria in South Africa.

1990 - Massive earthquake strikes northern Iran, killing as many as 100,000.

1991 - Croatian troops launch a drive against Knin, the capital of the rebel Serbs, gaining some ground.

1992 - Ethiopians vote in their country's first multiparty elections, but balloting is marred by opposition boycotts.

1994 - U.S. President Bill Clinton's administration offers North Korea high-level talks if it will confirm a willingness to halt its nuclear program.

1996 - In Managua, Nicaragua, dozens of election officials who had been kidnapped and held for two days by re-armed Contra rebels are released.

1997 - The United States, France and Russia agree to toughen sanctions against Iraq until U.N. inspectors confirm Baghdad is cooperating in the elimination of its weapons of mass destruction.

2000 - Chile's Senate approves a plan aimed at investigating what happened to 1,000 people who disappeared during the dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

2001 - A U.S. federal grand jury indicts 13 Saudis and one Lebanese in the 1996 bombing that killed 19 Americans servicemen in Saudi Arabia.

2002 - Brazilians celebrate their team's Soccer World Cup victory over England as the real, the nation's currency, hits an all-time low against the U.S. dollar and stocks plunge.

2003 - Iran says it will increase its cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency, but suggests that the country will keep up controversial plans to enrich uranium. The United States accuses Iran of trying to build a nuclear bomb. Iran denies the charge. □



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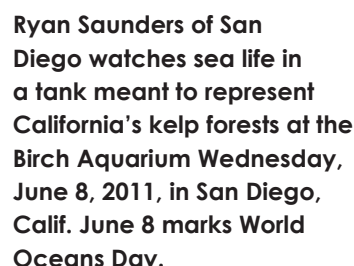
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"4000 miles:" Young and old, with no particular place to go

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NEW YORK — Death steals quietly into a Greenwich Village apartment, like morning sunlight gradually suffusing a darkened room, in "4000 Miles," a funny, moving new play by Amy Herzog that opened Monday night at the Duke on 42nd Street. Beneath the plain-wrap surface of this drama about a grandmother and grandson sharing a few weeks of casual cohabitation lies a quiet meditation on mortality. But it's hardly a downer: Herzog's altogether wonderful drama also illuminates how companionship can make life meaningful, moment by moment, in death's discomforting shadow.

The veteran Mary Louise Wilson ("Grey Gardens," "Full Gallop") gives a performance to match her considerable best as Vera Joseph, the widow of a once-celebrated Communist writer and activist, whose 21-year-old grandson Leo (Gabriel Ebert) shows up at her front door at the inconvenient hour of 3 a.m. one night. (Off Broadway devotees may recognize Vera from Herzog's fine drama "After the Revolution," seen at Playwrights Horizons last fall, in which she was portrayed by Lois Smith.)

Mud spattered and reeking from weeks of camping outdoors, Leo has just concluded an epic bike trip across the country. Exhausted though he is, he bridles instantly and threatens to leave when Vera tells him that his mother, back in Minnesota, has been plaguing her with anxious phone calls. After putting in her teeth and her hearing aid, Vera manages to calm Leo down and shuttle him to the shower. Soon they have settled into a comfortable routine, which includes generous doses of exasperated bickering but also an unfussy tenderness that is largely unexpressed but unmistakably present. As progressives of two different eras, Vera and Leo share a spirit of generosity and fellow feeling, but their causes and modes of communication are sometime laughably at odds. Although she joined her husband on the front lines during the brief heyday of American socialism, Vera thinks nothing of making repeated references to Leo's girlfriend Bec (a forceful Zoe Winters) as "chubby." She is baffled by the "democratizing" technology that is the passion of Leo's generation and dumbfounded when Leo asks to borrow money so

he can visit a rock-climbing gym. "More than \$50?" she gasps in disbelief. "To climb up a wall?" Herzog places aimless youth and aimless old age in poignant contrast. Leo rattles around the city with no real purpose, the life ahead of him still

when that door seems to close he brings home a casual pickup, Amanda (a hilarious Greta Lee), who skitters from confessedly "slutty" to suddenly shy, leaving Leo feeling strangely bereft. Vera's life has now dwindled to small details that

warmth and easy charm by Ebert. His growing sensitivity is apparent even when he is parrying Vera's accusations of having swiped that checkbook. In an online conversation with his sister — we hear only his half — Leo evinces hints of sadness at



Mary Louise Wilson, right, and Gabriel Ebert during a dress rehearsal of "4000 Miles," at the Duke theater, in New York, June 4, 2011. In the new play by Amy Herzog that opens on Monday, a grandmother and her grandson live together for a couple of weeks and find out how meaningful companionship is.

(Richard Termine/The New York Times)

a big question mark that he doesn't feel any urgent need to attend to. He tries to reconcile with Bec, and

loom large: the laundry; the misplaced checkbook; the pointless, petty arguments with the neighbor across the hall, who also lives alone and whose lack of family Vera pities. Mostly Vera agonizes over the small cruelties of getting older. She does her best to view them with indulgence — much in the way she accommodated her husband's infidelities, which she casually relates to Bec in one of the play's funniest passages — but they remain stubborn, stinging causes of hurt. Wilson's portrait of a capable woman grappling with the indignities of aging is as detailed and truthful as any I've seen in the theater. Her delineation of Vera's frustration at the hands that no longer stay steady, the failing senses and the words vanishing from her grasp is both unsentimental and heartbreaking. None of Vera's travails go unobserved by Leo, played with

the isolation in which Vera has come to live. "There are some days if I wasn't here she wouldn't see anyone," he says. Every aspect of the director Daniel Aukin's production for Lincoln Center Theater's LCT3 program enhances the delicacy and honesty of Herzog's writing. The set, by Lauren Helpert, reflects Vera's bohemian past as a classic midcentury liberal in subtle ways, from the ethnic art to the drab filing cabinets used as end tables, a particularly telling touch. Japhy Weideman's exemplary lighting bathes Vera's living room in evening light or morning glare or 4 a.m. gloom, underscoring the tone of each scene, never more affectingly than during a cathartic late-night speech from Leo in which soft light caresses his face as Vera sits in shadow behind him, silently listening. Vera and Leo are both haunted by the specter of death. □



Greta Lee sits on top of Gabriel Ebert during a dress rehearsal of "4000 Miles," at the Duke theater, in New York, June 4, 2011.

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